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Dear Parents and Carers

Public Health Update

Please find attached a letter from the Director of Children's Services at East Sussex County Council and our local Director of Public Health England. This contains an update and information regarding the current COVID-19 restrictions.

As you will be aware there is some concern regarding the 'Delta' variant of COVID-19, which has led to a pause in the lifting of the current restrictions. Given the level of concern locally, Public Health England have requested that students and members of staff in secondary schools wear face coverings in communal areas at this time, and probably up until the end of this academic year. This is in line with our current procedures in school and will continue to provide a level of mitigation against the possible spread of COVID-19 within our school community.

All of our other preventative measures will continue to remain in place at present, we will continue to review these taking into account any further guidance issued by PHE and the Department for Education.

We would urge students to continue to use the LFD tests distributed so that we can identify any positive cases and take any necessary measures. Please see the additional information in the attached letter regarding PCR testing for confirmed contacts of a positive case of COVID-19.

It is obviously extremely important that students do not attend school, and that the self-isolation guidance is fully followed, where a student or family member displays symptoms of COVID-19 or returns a positive test. Further details can be found on the NHS website accessed using the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Unfortunately, the changes to the planned lifting of restrictions have also meant that we have had to re-evaluate our plans regarding a number of events during this term including the Year 6 to 7 transition process, the Year 11 Prom and Year 10 College Taster Days. We are in the process of finalising these changes and will write to the parents, carers and students concerned shortly. We will also be in communication with our partner primary schools to ensure that they are fully aware of any changes we will have to make to the transition process.

Thank you for your help and support with this situation, I will keep you apprised of any further developments as soon as I am able to. In the meantime, despite the fatigue with the situation we are all probably experiencing, it is obviously important that we all continue to play our part in ensuring that we can minimise any further spread of COVID-19 in the local area, helping to keep our students in school and keeping our community as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Swatton', written in a cursive style.

Mr P. Swatton
Principal