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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Summer Term Update

A review of the Coronavirus control measures has been undertaken at school in conjunction with local Public Health doctors advising on the current situation in Tottenham.

We are informed that parts of London have seen a gradual increase in the COVID-19 variant that originated in India and there are localised pockets where infection rates are a concern. It is also the case that the take up of the vaccination has been much lower in Tottenham than in other parts of London and nationally.

Following the review this week with the doctors, I can confirm that there are to be no changes to our arrangements. **Pupils will continue to be required to wear masks** in classrooms and inside the school building. This situation will be kept under review during the early part of next half-term.

As an added precaution, our pupils and staff will be invited to take a lateral flow test in school after half-term. I hope this provides an added reassurance to you all.

COVID Home Tests

Home test kits have been issued to help identify anyone who may be positive for the virus but are not showing symptoms. Any pupils who are unwell should remain at home as usual.

If anyone in the household returns a positive test, you must arrange a confirmatory PCR test at your local testing centre.

Looking forward

The safety of your children and the staff is of utmost importance to us. We will continue to closely monitor the local coronavirus infection rates and the guidance from the Government, DFE and Public Health England; it may consequently become necessary to make changes at short notice.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this challenging time. With the warmer weather gradually arriving, we do hope to be able to ease restrictions when advised that it is safe to do so. With your cooperation we can maintain a happy and safe environment for everyone.

Sincerely,

T. Hartney CBE

