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Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought it would be helpful to update you on the current situation regarding Covid at the school and the response to the recent Government updates regarding the wearing of face masks at school.

At The King's we continue to strongly recommend pupils and staff wear face masks in all communal areas and also in classrooms. We are aware a number of pupils had positive Lateral Flow Tests last week; a total of 28 positive cases across year groups. We are tracking the numbers closely and continue to report all cases to Public Health and the Local Authority. The majority of pupils who did test positive were in year 9. It confirms how important it is that we all continue with the Lateral Flow testing twice a week on Sunday and Wednesday evening.

In light of the number of positive cases reported within the school community last week, I am recommending that the school community continue to wear face masks in all communal areas and teaching areas for the next two weeks, **until Friday 4th February**. Although the government have announced that face masks are no longer recommended in public spaces from Thursday 27th January there is a proviso that decisions may be made locally in response to the number of cases. I will review the decision at the end of next week and will update you of any changes.

Alongside the lateral flow testing, ventilation and handwashing, the government is recommending the uptake of vaccinations as another measure. The school will again provide a venue for the vaccination for pupils aged 12 to 16 in February. A letter from NHS and Public Health England will be sent out next week with more details about the vaccinations and the arrangements in place if you consent to your child receiving the vaccination.

I hope you and your families are well and I thank you for your full support and co-operation with the measures the schools has put in place endeavouring to keep us all safe and well as we emerge from the pandemic.

Yours faithfully,

Joy Langley
Interim Principal