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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Advice from Public Health Sheffield

Since the start of term there has been a sharp increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases at school. In light of this increase, we have liaised with Public Health Sheffield and we have been advised on the following actions for parents:

- Parents are advised not to send children to school if they are symptomatic and to book a PCR test. Please continue to look out for symptoms of COVID-19 (High temperature, new persistent cough and loss of taste/smell). In addition, parents are advised to consider a runny nose, sore throat, headache and body aches/tiredness as potential COVID-19 symptoms. PCR tests are now available for people with any of the above seven symptoms on the government website. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- Parents are advised to test children **daily** at home using a lateral flow test if there is a household member who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Parents are advised to test children **daily** at home using a lateral flow test if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Parents are encouraged to give consent to the 12-15 vaccination to help reduce the risk of children or others getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19).

Given the increase in cases across secondary schools, Public Health are also recommending that we reconsider moving back to the position we were in a few months ago in relation to face coverings in secondary schools. We will be considering the introduction of face coverings in classrooms and communal areas in the next few days. We will be in touch with you early next week with a decision on face coverings.

Finally, please can I ask that parents continue to persevere with home testing, remain vigilant and continue to report all positive cases to covid@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

With your ongoing support we will reduce the spread of infection and minimise disruptions to children's education this year.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher

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