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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 Update

As of Monday, there will be a few changes around how we, and others deal with COVID-19.

If there is a positive case in school, students who are potentially close contacts will no longer be asked to isolate straight away as the decision to isolate will, from Monday, sit with the NHS Track and Trace system.

This means the responsibility for identifying contacts is being passed from schools to the 'Track and Trace' authority. If a student tests positive, parents will be contacted and asked about their child's close contacts rather than school being asked. Parents will need to share close contacts with the authority.

People, and potentially other students or staff will then be contacted by the Track and Trace team.

Students and staff who test positive will need to isolate. Symptomatic students and staff will continue to need to take a PCR test, organised by telephoning 119. School must be informed if anyone tests positive for COVID-19.

There is still an expectation from Derbyshire ASCH and EMPH that students and staff will continue to wear face-coverings on school transport. By doing so, and wearing them if around others, we will help to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, and possibly having to isolate into the summer holidays.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Bawden
Assistant Headteacher