



Dear Parents and Carers

## New Variants of Coronavirus in the Bristol and South West Region

Having returned from half term, we have been made aware of a number of secondary schools in Bristol and our surrounding area who have seen an increase in positive tests for coronavirus in line with the national trend. Indeed we are aware of at least one secondary school where a number of whole year groups have been placed back on home learning using Microsoft Teams once more.

At a time when the country was looking forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> June and lockdown rules being removed, it seems that we are needing to think very carefully about plans and future actions. In school at the moment, we are continuing with our arrangements for our Enrichment Week (starting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June) and following this potentially with bubbles being removed with the intention of bringing back vertical House tutoring after Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We are very aware that plans in both of these areas may need to be adapted and we will let you know as soon as possible if this is the case. Can I please continue therefore to remind everybody of the importance of home testing and the details below:

*Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week, 3-5 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening beforehand.** It is really important that test results are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. To report results to the NHS, please click [here](#). Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. The test results also need to be reported to school [here](#).*

*Can I also use this opportunity to remind everyone of the symptoms of COVID-19 below. Main symptoms:*

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means that you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

*If students have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they are to get a test as soon as possible and stay at home until the result comes back. It is really important that you tell us if you are going for a test via email ([nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk)) and what the result of this test is. The student, and anyone who they live with, should then stay at home and not have visitors until the test result is available – the only reason to leave the home is to go for the test. Anyone in the support bubble should also stay at home if they have been in close contact since the symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they began.*

With best wishes

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