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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID Update – Mask Wearing on Buses and Around Schools – Assemblies

Due to the regional increase in COVID cases, particularly with regards to children, we have followed the recommendation from Bath and North East Somerset (BANES) Public Health and from the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) and removed all assemblies face to face from returning to school for a period of two weeks. We will review this depending on our numbers of cases at the end of next week.

In addition to this, the recommendation has been for the school to return to face masks being used in communal indoor areas, unless exempt, which we will implement from Wednesday. Lighthouse Schools Partnership are requesting this happens in all of their schools. We have spoken to BANES transport and they are requiring all students to be wearing them on the buses travelling to and from school once more. If your child is exempt from wearing a face mask, please email Emma Rogers via erogers@chewvalleyschool.co.uk and your child will be issued with an exemption card.

Following is the detail for COVID that we have previously published for reference:

COVID NHS guidance on when a child should attend or stay off of school, please see the attached link. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, even if your symptoms are mild, stay at home and do arrange to have a test. There are several other symptoms linked with COVID-19. These other symptoms may have another cause and are not on their own a reason to have a COVID-19 test. If you are concerned about your symptoms, seek medical advice.

If adults or children have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine and have symptoms of COVID-19 or have received a positive test result, you should still follow this guidance. This is because it is still possible to get COVID-19 and spread it to others even if you are vaccinated.

Again we very much appreciate your support with this.

With very best wishes

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