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Dear parent/carer,

We have had a positive case of COVID-19 in year 8 and it has meant that a very large percentage of the year group have been told to isolate after close contact with the student. We believe that there will be more positive cases from this in the coming days, so we want to be proactive in reducing any further contacts within the year group.

We are asking all year 8 students to work from home from tomorrow (Wednesday 23 June) accessing online live lessons, returning to school on Tuesday 29 June (next week). I know this is late notice, but we have to make the decision that we feel is right in this situation and I firmly believe this is the safest thing to do.

Students will log into their form time Teams area for registration in the morning (08.50), and then will follow their normal timetable for the day by joining live lessons in their subject class Teams.

If your child has been identified as a close contact, you will have already received a letter about this today and they must isolate completely for this time. If you have not received contact from us about this, then your child does not need to isolate but does need to access online lessons for the time period as stated above.

If you are taking part in the lateral flow testing, I would recommend that your child conducts a test this evening and continues to test twice weekly.

If you have any concerns, please let the main office know in the morning so we can address everything in a timely manner.

Best wishes and take care,

**Emma Mills** 

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