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Dear Parent

Local Authority Change to COVID 19 Advice for Schools

Thank you all for your ongoing support for our management of the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst as a nation, a school and local community we have been broadly successful in managing the COVID outbreak in recent weeks and months, we are now, sadly, seeing a rise in the number of COVID-19 cases within Dudley. At this stage we are not seeing a significant increase in cases within our school, however we are keen to both support our wider community in Dudley, as well as protecting our Kingswinford community of students, staff and families.

Dudley, advised by Public Health England, adjusted their advice to all secondary schools and have advised and requested that all schools increase their efforts to slow the spread of the Delta variant, which is now being seen in increased numbers across the local authority. The Local Authority have recommended the following changes to our protective measures and we are keen to support their efforts and approaches:

Face Masks - we are returning to the use of face masks by all staff and students indoors. This means that students are requested to wear their face coverings as before both in classrooms and in corridors and communal spaces. Should you wish for your child to be exempt from wearing a mask for any reason, please ensure that their year leader is aware. If you have previously confirmed exemption with the year office you will not need to do this again. From Wednesday we ask that all students come into school wearing their own face coverings.

Home Testing - we will continue to provide testing kits to students for voluntary use at home twice weekly. We ask that you encourage your child to test and record the results on our tracking system so that we can rapidly identify potential asymptomatic cases. All staff are also requested to test twice each week. This is the one of the most effective methods of slowing



the spread of COVID 19 in our community and so we strongly encourage you to participate to support our ongoing efforts.

We remain optimistic that we will be able to relax the national restrictions again in time for the Active Learning Week and Summer holidays, but we will need to work together to try and stem the spread of the virus and keep our communities safe. Thank you in advance for your support for our school and local community.

Yours sincerely

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Tom Macdonald
Headteacher