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19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Covid-19: Guidance from Central Bedfordshire Council Public Health**

We are no longer required, or allowed, to do track and trace if a student is identified as testing positive through a PCR test. However, we would advise that if your child has come into close contact with someone who has tested positive with Covid-19 through a PCR test, that you then also take your child for a PCR test as soon as possible. If your child has had Covid-19 in the last 90 days this will not be necessary, as they will more than likely show up as positive again, as the virus can be retained in your system and we would, therefore, advise that they return to school.

Due to the increased number of Covid-19 cases in the school, we are asking siblings of positive cases to remain at home, following Public Health guidance and to take a PCR test 3 to 5 days after their sibling has been confirmed as positive, if they have not had Covid-19 themselves in the last 90 days. If the PCR is negative, they should return to school. If a sibling has already had Covid-19 in the last 90 days they should also return to school immediately.

This does not relate to any other school in this area, and it is only as a precaution to ensure no further spread of this virus across the school. This is for this week only until half-term.

We would also encourage the use of face masks/shields on school transport and around school.

Yours faithfully

Miss K Hayward  
Executive Principal