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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I wanted to begin this update by thanking those parents who have used our Facebook page to offer their prayers to all those with Covid-19 and to reflect on the challenges that we know exist across our country and in all of our schools. Testing provision is stretched, Public Health England is stretched and positive cases are rising.

As a School Principal, writing out to inform pupils and parents of the need to self-isolate a 'bubble' from within the school is a decision that I make very carefully. As I have mentioned, above, we always speak with Public Health England but sometimes we need to wait for their response and that can delay matters. However, whilst we would all agree that school is the best place for learning and I want all of our children to be attending, Covid-19 needs to be treated very carefully and the wellbeing of our pupils and staff is paramount.

This morning, therefore, I was saddened to be notified of a further positive Covid case in year 8; it means that pupils in Year 8 Compassion and Year 8 Contentment need to self-isolate at home from today, returning to school on Friday October 2. Their on-line work will be provided through Edmodo and all pupils have been told their Edmodo codes and that information is also available to view on our website in the 'Learning From Home Resources' tab (please scroll down to Year 8).

On a more optimistic note, can I take this opportunity to remind Year 11 students and parents that their self-isolation is almost complete and that our Year 11 cohort should come back in to school this Thursday, September 24. We will contact directly any students in year 11 that should not return on that date.

Kind regards,

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