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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Two further Covid cases

My apologies for the slight delay in notifying you of two positive confirmed cases on Monday, one in Year 7 and one in Year 10. They are not linked, nor is there any link to previous cases in school. This is part of a national trend of a continued rise in cases. However, it is also true to note that figures for Bristol (in particular, at 488 cases per 100,000) and North Somerset (287) are both now above the national average of 256 cases per 100,000 people. Our primary schools have also seen an increase in cases in recent days, and we expect this trend to continue over the next couple of weeks at least. It obviously makes the case even more strongly for following the national guidance.

Despite a number of students in Years 7 and 10 being required to self-isolate, our attendance figures remain well above national averages. This is without doubt in part due to the efforts that all are making both in and out of school, and I would like to thank you for the role that everyone is continuing to play in this, as per my letter from last Friday.

I would also like to reinforce how pleased we have been with the engagement of Year 13 in their online learning, and we really look forward to seeing them back in school next Monday.

Meeting in groups outside of school and use of bicycles

Whilst we know that the vast majority of students are doing all that they can to reduce the chances of transmission and protect themselves, their families and those in school, it remains the case that groups of teenagers have been congregating around the Old Mill Road area of Portishead. The Police have asked us to reinforce the importance of following the national guidance, including meeting up with only one other person for exercise.

They have also asked us to remind parents regarding bicycle safety around the town. If your child is going to be out later in the day/evening please ensure that they have lights on their bikes. The Police are receiving reports of some youths

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weaving in and out of traffic and behaving inappropriately, making it dangerous for both themselves and motorists.

Whilst not directly school matters, the conduct of our students around town has a significant impact on themselves and others. We want them to stay well and safe and always work very closely with the Police on these matters for the benefit of all of us.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Inman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Inman
Headteacher

