



23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the weekend we were informed of a further confirmed positive Covid case in Year 7. There seems to be no link with the two confirmed Covid cases from early last week (including the other one in year 7). As such (and in liaison with Public Health England) we have been able to limit the impact to close contacts of the student who has tested positive. We have contacted the parents of these students over the weekend and they are now self-isolating.

We are aware that there were a number of positive cases confirmed in the Primary Schools last week. The latest data now suggests that the rate of Covid in North Somerset is slightly higher than the national average, although, in common with the national pattern, it seems to be starting to decline amongst school-aged children. Of course, however, there is absolutely no place for complacency here. No matter what changes occur to the national restrictions after the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we must continue to do all we can, both in school and out, to reduce the chances of transmission. We will be reinforcing to students this week the importance of their role in protecting the adults in their lives, both at home (especially as we begin to contemplate a Christmas with some family gatherings looking hopeful) and at school - school staff are clearly in a position of greater risk than many at present, including some who are, themselves, clinically vulnerable. I know that you hugely appreciate all that they, alongside other keyworkers, are doing, and your support of this message at home is really appreciated.

I am delighted that Year 13 have returned to school, and we have been really impressed with the way that they have engaged with their on-line learning over the last two weeks.

I would also like to share a 'good news' story that is typical of the wonderful conduct by our students that we see and hear about every day. This was posted on Social Media over the weekend: "*On Friday 20th leaving our house I fell on our drive (not an unusual event my balance isn't good) falling against our car. It was teeming down with rain but two young people were passing on their way to Gordano School ... and after my wife and I asked for their help they happily came over (Covid-19 forgotten in the calamity). I explained the situation, that I required their assistance ... they said goodbyes and left I can only praise their parents and the school if these two young adults are a sample of Britain's future adults, we have nothing to fear our country's in good hands*". At the start of another week towards the end of November, this is just one example of so much positive feedback about our students, and we know that the vast majority are acting with great maturity and resilience in these challenging times.

With good wishes for the coming week.

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