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Dear Parent/Carer(s),

Re: Covid Update – Additional Measures.

Yesterday afternoon all Bracknell Forest Schools received the attached letter from Bracknell Forest Council and as you will see the Council Executive has taken steps to ask schools to implement additional measures to help reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission in all schools.

We have already implemented a number of these enhanced measures including:

- Face covering in communal areas, as we move around school and many students are choosing to wear masks in classrooms.
- We have kept our bubble system and retained separate breaks and lunches. This is not easy to manage as we require twice as many staff on duty, but having kept this in place we will not need to disrupt our timetables to implement a new routine.
- All our assemblies are virtual. In some respects, this is easier and there is certainly a place for quick updates and briefings to be held this way but in the long term we can't wait to get back to holding some assemblies in person
- If someone in your household or someone with whom you were a close contact tests positive then as well as being advised to book a PCR test, individuals are asked to do daily LFD tests for 7 days. I know from speaking to those of you in this situation that you have been using common sense and doing this anyway. You do not need to report these daily test results to school.

We will continue to offer curriculum visits, but will evaluate each visit at the time, taking our own school, regional and national Covid rates into account.

We will also continue with sports fixtures and extra-curricular clubs and will liaise closely with other schools as appropriate. Following my conversation last week with the UK Health Security Agency the threshold for closing year groups and moving to online learning is 25% of the year group testing positive.

The number of students having had a positive PCR and who will be returning before half term:

Year 7	16	Year 10	4
Year 8	2	Year 11	4
Year 9	3		

Returning after half term following a positive PCR we have:

Year 7	14	Year 10	5
Year 8	5	Year 11	9
Year 9	11		

I hope you and your family all remain well and want to thank you for your wonderful support during this first half term.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs D Smith
Headteacher

