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Dear Families

We are writing to all families in the light of the national increase in positive cases of the Covid-19 virus which is consequently impacting on the numbers of cases in the Sydenham School community. We are very sorry that some students in the school have had to self-isolate as a result of a rise in the number of students who have tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. The national messaging can be confusing and we hope that this letter from the school clarifies some of the detail. The current guidance can be [found here](#).

We recognise how frustrating and disappointing this must be for you and your children. We believe that we have identified any 'close contacts' of those students who have tested positive and we are grateful to you for supporting the actions that the school has taken to keep your child as well as other members of the school community safe. Currently these include asking the students to again wear face coverings in the classroom and in communal areas. This is a short-term measure put in place to help limit the transmission of the virus in school.

Please can you ensure that your child brings a face covering to school every day, not just for use at school, but also for use on public transport and in shops. Please can you also ensure that your child is using the Lateral Flow Test home kits (issued by the school) twice a week as directed by the government. It is very important that all our students continue to test themselves regularly for the virus.

Please find below an overview of what to expect in terms of 'remote' learning for your child during this period of self-isolation. We recognise that it may be particularly challenging for some students and we are mindful of the impact on their mental health and well-being. We have asked staff to invite students who are self-isolating to join in with 'live' lessons using Teams. Students will need to log in to Teams each morning and also to check their school email addresses. Homework will continue to be set on Show My Homework.



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Once again, we would like to communicate how sorry we are that your child is not able to be at school and participate in the end of term activities that are taking place. Your children remain in our thoughts even though they are not physically at school at the moment and we wish each and every one of them a full and speedy recovery.

Please do let us know if there is anything that we can do to further support you and your children at this time.

Your sincerely

Mrs Lowe

Headteacher