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Covid Precautionary Measures - Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the government announced some relaxations of the measures to contain the spread of Covid infection yesterday, including some around the wearing of face coverings.

At Bishop's, we currently have our highest infection rate since the start of the pandemic and have been consulting with Hertfordshire Public Health regarding what steps we should take here. They have advised us to implement the following measures:

- to continue to ask pupils and staff to wear masks both in classrooms and in communal areas
- to ask Year 8 and 9 pupils to home test more regularly, ideally daily

We are therefore implementing the above measures for the time being. We will review the guidance around masks at the end of next week. Unfortunately we have not been provided with sufficient home test kits to issue all pupils in Years 8 and 9 with a kit each. We are therefore asking that parents/carers order their own kits which can be done using this link <u>Order coronavirus</u> (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK. If any families are unable to access kits in this way then we may be able to provide them and you should contact the school.

Whilst self-isolation rules are still in place it is important that we try to minimise the spread of infection as it is highly disruptive to pupils (and staff) to have to work remotely.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood Headteacher

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