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Dear Parent / Guardian,

There have been recent cases in Bromley of the new variant coronavirus strain, first identified in India. Fortunately, these cases are only in a small number of schools so far and appropriate measures are in place to help stem the spread, but we would ask all parents / families to be mindful of the current advice regarding COVID-19 symptoms and isolation guidelines in order to keep your school community safe.

Despite changes in national guidance regarding the wearing of masks in schools, in view of the current situation in our area, we would advise that all students and staff should consider continuing to wear face coverings and to observe all other protective measures until further notice.

We also ask that you encourage your child to continue with twice weekly LFD testing, and in particular we ask that every child takes an LFD test before returning to school at the end of the half term break.

Thank you for your help

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Children with a fever

All children with a raised temperature are strongly encouraged to have a PCR COVID test.

To book your test visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

In addition, any child, or household member should have a PCR COVID test if they develop any of the following:

- A new continuous cough or
- A raised temperature or
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell

Whilst waiting for the PCR test result:

- Your child / family member should stay self-isolating at home
- All other household members must also self-isolate whilst the result is awaited

If the PCR test is COVID-19 positive:

- Your child / family member must stay self-isolating at home until 10 days after the onset of symptoms
- Complete the information required by the NHS Test and Trace system
- All household members must also self-isolate

If the PCR test is COVID-19 negative:

- Your child / family member can stop self-isolation and return to normal activities once well
- the rest of the household can also stop isolating, unless someone develops new symptoms. For those with no symptoms, please continue with rapid testing twice a week as you have been doing.

If you / your family require support during self-isolation, and If you are a resident of Bromley please see '*Supporting our residents*' on the Council's website at www.bromley.gov.uk/covid19 or if a resident in another borough, please check your borough's website.

For anyone in the family who is eligible for a COVID vaccination, over 36, a carer or with a health condition that would make them more vulnerable, Public Health Bromley and Public Health England strongly recommend you complete your two-dose vaccination course when you are called by your surgery or book online.

Further information on vaccinations and eligibility can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>