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Dear Parent/Carer or Student,

COVID-19 UPDATE

You will be aware that the number of positive COVID cases nationally is rising at present, and the number of pupils/students having to self-isolate across the country is high. Our school has not been unaffected by this. We would like to remind you of some key messages to help minimize disruption in the final weeks of term.

- 1. No pupil or student should be in school if they, or anyone else in their household(s) or support bubble has symptoms of coronavirus or has tested positive for coronavirus. Further information is available at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms. If you are unsure then please contact NHS 111 for clarification.
- 2. **Anyone who has symptoms must book a PCR test.** The lateral flow tests which are part of the home testing kits should <u>not</u> be used in this situation. They and their household should self-isolate pending the result of the PCR test. More information about the two types of test and when they should be used can be found in our <u>March update</u> which is available on the school website.
- 3. If a pupil or student receives a positive test result (whether by a PCR or lateral flow) then please notify school as soon as possible by emailing secondary@roundhayschool.com (Years 7 to 11) or sixthform@roundhayschool.com (Years 12 to 13). Doing so promptly (including outside of school hours) may enable us to prevent further contact between pupils/students and reduce transmission.
- 4. The government and local health authorities have asked us to remind everyone about the importance of home testing to identify and isolate cases of the virus. We have a large stock of testing kits available from school there is a box in each form room (Years 7 to 10) and a supply available from the sixth form office (Years 12 and 13). Although kits are now widely available **we would encourage pupils and their families to utilise the stock of home testing kits available from school**.
- 5. Please could we encourage pupils/students to complete one of the tests on a Monday morning each week before the pupil/student attends school. This timing will reduce the implications for others in the event of a positive result. The second test each week should be completed 3-4 days later.
- 6. The reporting of home tests is by the health authorities to monitor cases to enable them to respond quickly when needed. **Please report all results (whether positive, negative or void) online** to:
 - NHS Test and Trace: www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result, and
 - Roundhay School: https://forms.office.com/r/HKCiuKVK1M

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to protect our school community.

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