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Dear Parents and Carers

### **COVID-19 update**

I wanted to give you an update on the current cases at Chatham Grammar, as well as reassure you that we have in place rigorous policies and procedures to keep both students and staff safe. Thank you for your continued support in reminding students about social distancing and ensuring they come to the site equipped and wearing face masks.

Since the return from the October break we have been very fortunate compared to other local schools and have only had two positive staff cases. Both; based on the information we have did not originate from CG. The first member of staff I am sure you will be pleased to hear is well and back teaching after finishing the prescribed self-isolation. The second member of staff is currently self-isolating with mild symptoms.

In terms of the student population, we had two positive cases in Year 10 over the last two weeks. Following the Public Health England guidance, we asked the students deemed to be close contacts to self-isolate. This system of identifying close contacts to self-isolate has proved effective in this case, as about an hour ago we had news of a third positive test. However, it belonged to one of the students who had been deemed to be a close contact from the positive result from last week and was therefore already in isolation.

Please be reassured we are doing all we can to keep students safe and continue to monitor the ever-changing situation. However, as I am sure you can appreciate, should the need arise, we may have to look at more drastic steps such as sending whole year groups home to self-isolate. If this was the scenario, learning would continue online as was the case in the first national lockdown.

I will contact you next week with an update, or sooner should events change significantly.

Yours sincerely



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