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Dear St George's Community,

It has clearly been turbulent day for us. Thank you very much for your support, and cooperation, and apologies to you all for any inconvenience caused.

The purpose of this letter is to summarise the days events, and to share with you the conclusions of my discussions with public health England, and Dr Karunanithi.

Having spoken to Dr Karunanithi I have been advised there is no need to close the school. There is no advantage in doing this at this time as community transmission in Chorley is so high, and the disadvantages of missing school are outweighed by any minimal advantages of closing.

Further advice from the Director of Public health Lancashire.

Surge Testing. As a minimum I am asking you to:

If you have been affected by recent bubble closures then all members of the household should book a PCR test. This is permitted. We have been asked to do so by Dr Karunanithi.

If you have not been affected by recent bubble closures then you are asked to LFD test all members of your household over the weekend, before returning to school on Monday. If your LFD comes back positive, then all members of your household are to begin a self-isolation period of 10 days and book a PCR test.

Test kits are readily available. <https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site>

In recent weeks cases of Covid have soured in Chorley, fuelled by the Delta variant. In such circumstances national guidance is superceded



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by local guidance. Currently in Chorley anyone, whether symptomatic or not can book a PCR test.

What happens after the tests.

If your PCR test is positive then you must isolate with your household for 10 days from either the day you took the test, or the day your symptoms started. If you test negative then you do not need to isolate, unless of course you have been identified as a close contact. You must continue to follow national Corona virus guidelines.

If you are identified as a close contact it is important that you self isolate for the full 10 days or as advised. Household members of close contacts do not need to self isolate unless they develop symptoms.

Children should not be sent into school if anyone in the household develops 1 or more of the classic Covid 19 symptoms which are attached to this email.

Our classes;

Class 11, including relevant staff, are in close contact self isolation and must stay at home. I ask you to book a PCR test over the weekend. You return on the 5th July, LFD testing the weekend before you return.

Class 10, including relevant staff, are in close contact self isolation and must stay at home. I ask you to book a PCR test over the weekend. You return on the 5th July LFD testing the weekend before you return.

Class 9, including relevant staff, can come to school on Monday, but please LFD all household members over the weekend.



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Class 8, including relevant staff, can come to school on Monday, but please LFD all household members over the weekend.

Class 7, including relevant staff, can come to school on Monday, but please LFD all household members over the weekend.

Class 6, including relevant staff, can come to school on Monday, but please LFD all household members over the weekend.

Class 5, including relevant staff, are in close contact self isolation and must stay at home. I ask you to book a PCR test over the weekend. You return on the 5th July LFD testing the weekend before you return.

Class 4, including relevant staff, can come to school on Monday, but please LFD all household members over the weekend. *

Class 3, including relevant staff, return on Monday, but please LFD all household members before returning

Class 2, including relevant staff, are in close contact self isolation and must stay at home. I ask you to book a PCR test over the weekend. * You return on the 5th July LFD testing the weekend before you return.

Class 1, including relevant staff, are in close contact self isolation and must stay at home. I ask you to book a PCR test over the weekend. * You return on the 5th July LFD testing the weekend before you return.

**there are obviously 1 or 2 exception here*

We have clearly hit a difficult patch that is unsettling, inconvenient and hard for all. I ask for your support in keeping school as open as



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possible for as many children as possible, and I apologise most profusely for the undoubted inconvenience I have caused to so many.

I do believe that this will be our final flurry, and that we will be operating under new guidance from September.

For what it's worth, may I wish you a happy weekend, thank you for your support, and please, keep well, as ultimately that's what's important.

Take care everyone,

Andy

"It was sunsets that taught me that beauty only lasts a couple of moments, and it was sunrises that showed me that all it takes is patience to experience it all over again." A J Lawless



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