

14.12.20

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to update you on key information regarding Covid-19.

There have been developments over the last days to inform you about:

### **Year 4 Positive Case**

On Friday, we were informed that a pupil in 4 Oxford has received a positive test. As a result, the class bubble have been sent home to isolate. They will return to school at the start of next term, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Only the class bubble needed to isolate, not the siblings of pupils in the class. The families involved have been contacted directly.

### **Year 12 Positive Case**

On Sunday, we were informed that a pupil in Year 12 has tested positive. The decision has been taken to have all of year 12 stay at home on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December to allow accurate contact tracing to take place before any year 12 pupils return to school. Those who have been in contact on any of the infectious days will isolate (until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January), the others will return to school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Change in isolation period**

The government have reduced the period of isolation expected of those who have been in contact with a positive Covid case from 14 days to 10 days. We will update all our letters and other communication to reflect this change. This means those pupils and staff who have completed 10 or more days isolation will return to school, and from Monday, all isolations will be of 10 days (rather than 14 days). The government's guidance is outlined [here](#).

### **Increasing rate of infection**

Westminster's rate of infection remains below the London and national average, but the rate is increasing and Church Street Ward has higher than average levels. At the moment London remains in Tier 2 - this will be reviewed this week. The data suggests that it is vital that everyone in the community remains extremely careful to prevent the risk of infection. We will continue to do all we can at school to support this.

## **Quarantining**

Any family going abroad this holiday period may need to quarantine for 10 days on return. This applies to all countries other than those outlined [here](#). Pupils should be ready to come to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, so please bear this in mind when you plan any travel this holiday.

I hope this information is useful. In the meantime, staff are available should you have any questions or concerns and can be reached through [parents@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:parents@kingsolomonacademy.org).

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Haimendorf  
**Principal**