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**THOMAS ADAMS SIXTH FORM
ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)**

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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID measures in school

I wanted to update you on COVID matters, in particular the outbreak we had last week, the isolated cases this week and the measures we have in place to keep staff and students as safe as possible. In the last 14 days we have had a total of 16 positive results using the home test kit (15 students and 1 member of the staff), 13 of which were then confirmed as positive using the PCR test.

The impact this had on school was sizeable – one whole year group sent home, plus other groups of students identified using proximity tracing - following the advice of Shropshire Public Health. We have to react to any positive home tests, which includes self-isolating any students and staff identified as 'close contacts'. I share this with you by way of explanation of what we are dealing with. Many other schools are equally affected and, like us last week, are having to send whole year groups home.

There has been some indication that the guidelines for schools, particularly around self-isolation, may change in the autumn. We may also be asked to mass test students on return to school in September and have a phased return, similar to last year. With two weeks to go until the end of term, we have had no official direction. In the meantime, with cases rising locally, we have risk assessed the situation and have decided to keep wearing face-coverings in communal areas of school until the end of term. Please make sure your son/daughter is arriving 'ready to learn' with their face-covering every day. Each week, we are still having to supply 120 + face-coverings to students who arrived without one.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Cooper
Headteacher



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