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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families are well at this time.

Unfortunately I have had to send some students home this week, a small group in Y7 and a larger group in Y9. I have also had a number of teachers who have been contacted by track and trace and told to self-isolate.

The track and trace app may not have the sophistication required to 'understand' that the system of controls we have in place is sufficient to mitigate against potential risk from Covid in school. The app is aimed at people over 16 and if your child has the app, there is an increased chance that they will be told by test and trace to self-isolate- even if they have only had a passing contact with someone who goes on to test positive. In a discussion with Sefton Public Health this morning they have said that it's impossible to tell in the app or to find out if the 'contact' was under two metres for a period of more than 15 minutes. We have rigorous systems in place to protect everyone but the TT app will not necessarily take that into consideration before instructing someone to isolate. If someone is instructed to isolate by the app, they have no choice but to do so. Please be aware of this if your child has the app on their phone.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch. In the meantime, staff either working from home or here in school will do their very best to ensure that work is set for children self-isolating as per our 'blended learning' guidance on the school website.

With best wishes,

Mr McGarry

Headteacher