



# La Retraite

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Dear Parents,

Every time we receive news of a confirmed case of Covid, we inform Public Health England, the London Coronavirus Response Cell and we also inform Public Health Lambeth. They check through with us the actions we have taken. In each case they have agreed with the actions taken and we have been praised for all the different measures we have put in place.

Despite the many measures in place, since I last wrote to you we have been informed of 2 further positive cases in Yr 11. As Yr 11 are all isolating we have not had to take further action. Last night we were also made aware that a staff member had contracted Covid. Fortunately, they had had minimal contact in school and so no further action needed to be taken.

I would like to reassure you that the school has in place many systems and procedures to help stop the spread of the virus. We have talked through those in detail with the authorities and they have not suggested that we need to put anything else in place in school. We have separate areas for pupils to learn in so that they are not moving all over the school, they have separate lunchtimes and we have greatly enhanced the cleaning regime in school. I appreciate that it can be worrying when you receive an update, but we do want to make sure that we keep you well informed.

Unfortunately we have had a couple of instances where parents have sent children in to school when they are visibly poorly with symptoms, or they have sent in a child to school while they were waiting for test results, or while the parent was waiting for test results. If anyone in the family has symptoms, the whole household needs to isolate. Otherwise, this puts everyone at risk.

How you can help us is by making sure that you do not send your child in to school if they have even mild Covid symptoms, getting yourselves and children tested if they do, and keeping us informed especially if the child tests positive.

If you find that your situation changes over the weekend, and you need to let us know about a positive Covid 19 test result, then please email the following address to report it:

[covidreport@laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:covidreport@laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk) This address will only be open from 5pm on Friday - Sunday.

By doing so you will enable us to do contact tracing quicker and you will help us keep everyone safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs Thompson

Deputy Headteacher