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Dear Parents and Carers,

Along with this letter, we are also sending you a letter from the Director of Public Health for the City of York and the Corporate Director for People, City of York. Also attached is a poster giving advice to parents and carers if your child becomes unwell.

Over the many months of the pandemic, we have all received a great deal of information, direction and guidance. As a school, we have tried to navigate these to ensure that we remain as COVID-19 secure as possible whilst providing as full an educational offer as we can.

There is again growing speculation about how schools will function over the next few weeks and into September. Throughout the pandemic, schools have not been given any information prior to it being shared with the general public. This remains the case. We have been told that schools will be given at least one week notice of any change in guidance to schools. Whether that is before the summer holidays or the 31st August, we do not know.

There has been a rise in transmissions across the country and also in York. At Fulford School, we have not seen a notable increase in the number of pupils needing to isolate due to contact at school, although out of school contact isolations have increased. We have remained in bubbles of appropriate size and continued to require pupils and staff to wear face coverings inside communal areas. When pupils have a positive lateral flow test, we identify close contacts and ask them to self-isolate until a PCR confirmation is obtained. Generally, a positive case for pupils results in 25 to 35 pupils being asked to self-isolate.

As a school, we will continue with our current school structures and risk assessment until the end of the academic year. We will remain in bubbles, continue with our one-way system and expect the whole school community to wear face coverings in communal indoor areas. We will review provision for September in line with any new government guidance.

We will work to present and any future government guidance around isolation of COVID-19 positive people and their contacts.

We ask that you read the enclosed letter from CYC carefully. Your continued support of the school and the requests from Public Health have very much played its role in keeping the school open and our communities safer.

As we approach the 19th July and a possible decision to further relax restrictions, the challenges faced by schools to ensure we are able to meet the educational and wider wellbeing needs of our pupils will remain. We continue to work in a volatile environment and thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

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