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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 Update – 18th May 2021

As intimated yesterday I will update you every day on the current situation in Beeslack. At present we are following Public Health and Midlothian Guidance on all test results. We are currently following up on a very small number of lateral flow test results. This is precautionary to ensure the safety of all others. We are isolating close contacts and siblings whilst we await the PCR test results.

If a pupil has a positive lateral flow result and then subsequently receives a **negative** PCR test, following a further risk assessment, all close contacts may be issued with a retraction letter and may be able to stop their isolation period. If the PCR test is **positive** then the isolation period will remain for close contacts. PCR test results do take around 24 hours to come through and we have already had a case where the PCR was negative even though the lateral flow test was positive.

Any staff who are absent are due to them being identified as a close contact and therefore they have to self- isolate.

We will continue to review the S1/2 remote learning situation on a daily basis, at present this will remain in place.

Mrs McGlade issued a letter yesterday in relation to SQA formal assessments and we are doing our very best to minimise disruption for other pupils in S4-6. Any S4-6 pupil who has been asked to isolate will have any missed assessment opportunities re-arranged. This is added stress and anxiety in what is already a pressurised time. If there is anything more we can do to support our pupils please let us know.

If you have any concerns please get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

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Headteacher