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Dear Parents, Guardians and students of The Ladies' College

I write to update you following the latest Covid-19 guidance received from the States of Guernsey yesterday.

## Lateral Flow Testing – receiving a positive result

To continue to support our community, we would ask parents to inform College should your daughter receive a positive lateral flow test result. To reiterate Public Health guidance is that your daughter must stay at home and you are asked to arrange a PCR test immediately by contacting the clinical helpline on 756938 or 756969. This information will allow the College to contact the Contact Tracing team to seek advice to support everyone in the tracing process and help them to prioritise the PCR test itself.

## Runny noses – this advice has changed

Individuals, irrespective of age, presenting with a runny nose only can continue to attend College, provided they remain well in the absence of other symptoms of COVID-19.

For individuals with a runny nose and mild cold symptoms, for example an infrequent cough, parents/guardians and colleagues should call the clinical helpline to arrange a PCR test, but on receipt of a negative result they can go back to school provided they are well enough and have not developed additional symptoms.

## **Absence from College**

If you daughter is absent from College, we would ask parents to contact us <u>on a daily basis</u> to update us and reconfirm that they remain at home (unless we have previously advised the College of a longer-term absence).

In respect of the setting of work for students who are unwell, we would like to remind everyone that **there** is no expectation that students work during a period of illness as we wish the priority to be them regaining full health. Any student absent, should be reassured that we will support their return to College once they are well.

If circumstances linked to isolating within your household require your daughter (who is well) to remain at home, we reiterate that colleagues will look to set core work, usually within 24 hours of absence.

Thank you for taking the time to read this communication and for your ongoing support of the health and wellbeing of our College community.

Yours sincerely

Ashley Clancy

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