



Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday, Public Health Somerset conducted a risk assessment of Secondary schools in Somerset. Following this, we were asked to **retain our Amber (enhanced) status** until the end of November. *Kingsmead case rates* (6 PCR positive cases at present) are below those levels in the community. However, the request was made because *local case rates* remain some of the highest in the South West.

We will therefore retain our existing framework for managing Covid-19, **but will from Monday permit inter-school sporting competitions**. We will implement the following measures to minimise risk:

- Fixtures exclusively take place outside, limiting airborne Covid-19 risk
- Competitors from other schools arrive and leave in their kit, meaning they do not enter our changing rooms
- Competitors a designated toilet only, which will be cleaned before/after fixtures, limiting risk of Covid cross-contamination
- Our students are asked by PE staff to undertake a lateral flow on the morning of any fixture
- PE staff ask other schools to strongly encourage their competitors to also undertake a lateral flow on the morning of any fixture

Best wishes

Kingsmead School