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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you'll be aware the NHS COVID 19 app has been launched today. As well as being available for personal use for those with smartphones, it will also be used in school in two ways that you need to be aware of:

- 1) All school visitors including parents and carers with pre-booked appointments will be asked to scan a QR code as they sign in at reception, if they have downloaded the app on their smartphone. This will support Track and Trace
- 2) Year 11 Students aged 16 or over can also use the app. This may mean that they will receive an alert during the school day if they have downloaded the app. The app advises the to let an adult know. If this is the case contact will be made with our first aid team who will be able to advise next steps , which will typically be isolation, contact home, go home , get a test.

As students are allowed to use mobile phones at Fairfield , this will give us an additional level of COVID security for our school community. The app is not suitable for download by students under 16 so please only allow download if aged 16 or over. The app and how to respond to an alert will be discussed with Year 11 in tutor time.

The two attachments give further information about the app.

Regards

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Principal

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