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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached a letter from Public Health England regarding a new, confirmed case of Covid-19 within our school setting.

We already have a number of measures in place to mitigate the spread of Covid-19:

- Increased cleaning procedures
- An increased focus on respiratory and hand hygiene
- Air quality monitors in each classroom to ensure good ventilation

In addition to these steps, from Monday, staff will be wearing masks in corridor spaces and communal areas. All visitors, parents and carers in the school building will also be required to wear masks in doors.

We ask that all parents and carers observe the one way system through the entrance pathway and exit via the path through the car park.

If we see a further increase in cases we may need to take these further additional steps:

- Re-bubbling our classes and zoning the play ground - this does not mean that classes will be sent home or shut like last year (this may still be directed by Public Health England or the local authority but it is a last resort)
- Limiting adults on site and having children collected at the gate as we did last school year.
- Cancelling/rearranging large events and gatherings

These additional measures, if necessary, will only be in place for a limited time while case numbers are continue to rise/are high.

**We need your help to keep cases low.** While the health risks for children remain low and vaccination of adults lessens, the impact that Covid-19 can have, the impact of staff contracting Covid-19 is huge for our school. At the moment, all schools in the locality are struggling to find supply teachers to cover for staff absence. We may need to make operational decisions if we do not have enough staff in school to run school safely.

If your child displays any of the classic covid-19 symptoms, however mild, please do not send them to school. Arrange a PCR test to be taken as soon as possible and keep them at home until a negative test result is confirmed. Additionally, if your child is feeling "under the weather" or has a spate of headaches, we would advise keeping them at home and having them tested.

**If a child complains of feeling unwell at school** we will contact you to come and collect them from school.





The soundest medical advice we can give at the moment is: **If you are in any doubt as to whether or not your child has covid, please arrange to have them tested. If you think your child has been a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus, please arrange to have them tested.**

Current guidance says that children can continue to come to school if they are a close contact while they wait for their PCR test result to come back.

As always, we are hugely grateful for the support we receive from all of our families - thank you, everyone, for keeping our school safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

Mr King





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