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Dear parents/carers

As you are probably aware we currently have several confirmed cases of COVID-19 in school. The majority of the cases are in Year 5 where around 30% of the class have tested positive and others are awaiting the outcome of PCR tests. We also have members of staff who have either tested positive or who are waiting for their results.

We have taken steps to limit contacts as far as possible in an attempt to keep transmission as low as we can. I am sure that you will understand that this is very difficult in a school but for now we have put the following measures in place:

- Staff to wear face coverings in communal areas
- Staff may choose to wear face coverings when teaching or working with small groups and individual children
- Assemblies will be held in classrooms or virtually to avoid large numbers of children in the hall
- Tables and chairs will continue to be wiped between lunchtime sittings
- Children will continue to wash or gel hands at various times of the day particularly on entry to school, after using the toilet, after breaks, before and after lunch
- Visitors to school will continue to be limited to essential visits, school governors and pre-booked appointments

As this is an unusual situation facing schools yet again we are asking that you take your child for a PCR test if they have any symptoms of COVID such as high temperature, new and persistent cough and loss or change of taste and smell. We would also like you to arrange for a PCR test if your child has a headache, runny nose, sore throat or is feeling particularly tired. These are the symptoms lots of our positive cases have been experiencing. Some children are reporting just having had sore eyes and feeling very tired.

We will offer remote learning to children at home either isolating, waiting for results or having had a positive test. This will be available from tomorrow.

We want to stay as healthy as we can leading up to Christmas so hopefully we can work together to do this.

On another note, we are looking at better ways of communicating with parents and carers as the website isn't the best or most appropriate way of getting news and other information out to you. The text message system has a character limit for each text so is not always useful. Once we have found a more effective way to communicate we will let you know.

Thank you for your support and cooperation during these unprecedented times.

Elaine Glendinning

Headteacher