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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Covid Update

As you are aware, we are trying our utmost to prevent the spread of Covid in school especially as its prevalence amongst primary aged children is on the increase. There are schools in the local area who have had to take the difficult decision to close classes and teach remotely and we are doing all that we can to avoid this situation by keeping the systems we have in place rigorous.

In school, we are keeping children in their 'bubbles' as detailed in our letter dated 20th October 2021; our Risk Assessment is a working document which we continue to follow and update as required.

In addition to this, we are informing parents when we have a **confirmed** positive PCR case in a class and this is our 'warn and inform' email. This is not something we are obliged to do and, in fact, it is NHS Test and Trace who are responsible for contacting close contacts of a confirmed case as detailed in our letter dated 15th October 2021. It is therefore **essential** that families contact NHS Test and Trace when they have a positive PCR test and also that families continue to take regular lateral flow tests. We are not able to inform classes unless we are told by families that their child has received a positive PCR test. We would appreciate your support in keeping us informed so that we are able to keep our school community as safe as possible.

NHS Test and Trace make it very clear when someone is able to come back to school or work after testing positive for Covid-19. They give you a specific date and this is based either on when you tested positive for Covid-19 or when you first had symptoms – the date is then decided by Test and Trace, not the individual, and we accept children back into school on this given date. Once again, we cannot reiterate enough how important it is to make sure that all positive PCR results are logged with NHS Test and Trace as this is not something we are responsible for in school.

Finally, we would like to thank you for the support that you have shown to us as school in helping to keep us all safe; we would ask that if you have any concerns or queries about the systems in place in school that you come to us as a first port of call so that we are able to allay any fears and set any misconceptions straight.

Yours sincerely

The Senior Leadership Team