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Dear Cragside Family

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Thank you for all your help during which has been a difficult week with a number of staff and children testing positive. We have attempted to minimise opportunities for further transmission through moving all learning to home learning this week. I am very grateful for all your help with this.

We are grateful to parents for informing school where there has been a positive result and have had to close a number of bubbles throughout this week. I am so sorry that this has been necessary and appreciate all your help during this week which has helped reduce the potential for further community transmission.

Our 'firewall' approach at the start of the week seems to have helped and the number of positive results have reduced as we have come towards the end of the week. The deep cleaning and disinfectant 'fogging' of the school has been successfully completed which, again, will help at the point where children are able to return.

As we look towards next week, there are some operational areas to keep under review as well as different year groups having isolation periods which finish on different dates. Mrs Parker, myself and some of our staff team need to continue to isolate following our own positive results which I also need to factor in when planning for next week.

Where a positive case has been identified in a year group, that year group has received a letter with the date that isolation will finish. We also understand that different children and staff have unique dates linked to when they started symptoms and the date of the positive test etc.

I am conscious that we are asking some year groups to learn from home even though they are not isolating and we are asking some year groups to continue to learning from home after their isolation period has finished. This is because of a number of factors including staffing and operational safety areas which I need to ensure are in place. I don't want to take any risks in coming back too soon or without the staffing structure which I need in school.

As we marry up all this information, together with information about safe operational staffing levels, I have attached an overview of remote and school based learning for the week commencing Monday 22nd March 2021.

Our aim is to continue with remote learning until Thursday of next week (25th March) for Year 3, 4 and 6 and until Friday for Year Rec, 1, 2 and 5. The school building would be closed until the start of the day on Thursday 25th March. Friday 26th March will be a full day, finishing at 3.05/3.15pm depending on which year group your child is in.

Year Group	Remote learning	Learning in school available
Reception	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur	Friday 26 th March
Year 1	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur	Friday 26 th March
Year 2	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur	Friday 26 th March
Year 3	Mon, Tue, Wed	Thursday 25 th March
Year 4	Mon, Tue, Wed	Thursday 25 th March
Year 5	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur	Friday 26 th March
Year 6	Mon, Tue, Wed	Thursday 25 th March

Teachers will be in touch with you about remote learning. I know that this might cause you some additional inconvenience and deeply apologise for this. I am trying to carefully balance our operational levels of staffing with information about staff and year groups who are isolating. I appreciate your help and understanding with this.

If you have any queries, please contact our school via admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk If any of your children do test positive during this weekend, please would it be possible to forward the test result information to our admin email address as this helps with our record keeping.

This really has been a tough week for us all. Some of us have been struggling with the effects of Covid, some have been struggling with the need to go back to home learning and the balance between work and home teaching. I am so sorry that it has been a difficult week for us all and do appreciate your support and understanding. The systems we have had in school have worked so well for almost a year now and we will build on them with all our learning from this week as we look towards Thursday and Friday of next week and the summer term. Thank you for all your help and support which is very much appreciated.

Many thanks,
Paul Rusby