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Dear Parents

We can confirm that we have had notification of further positive cases of coronavirus in Class 3, bringing the total so far to 6, and a number of staff and children who have or are taking PCR tests. Therefore, we have decided to continue to implement additional safety measures from our outbreak management plan to help reduce the risk of further transmissions in school until further notice.

Whilst we are hopeful that we can keep the number of cases low and contained to one class, we **ALL** have to be vigilant.

Children Feeling Unwell

We have had a number of children coming to school feeling unwell. It is crucial, particularly at the present time, that if your child is feeling unwell they do not come to school.

It is highly recommended for people, including adults that have been in close contact or have any of the following symptoms (**headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms**) book and take a PCR test, that includes siblings in other classes.

Whilst the guidance states they do not need to stay off school, we would ask that if you have taken a PCR test you stay at home until the result is returned, the results are normally returned in 24 to 36 hours, this way we can break any further infections in school. We do not want to be in a position where we are told by Public Health England to close a class or worst case the school due to rapidly rising cases. We have already postponed one school trip, cancelled assemblies and stopped clubs.

Guidance

For all pupils and adults

Your child should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or are unwell (for example if you need to give them Calpol in a morning they are not well enough to come to school). If they do develop symptoms (see below), please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8°C or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. **However, other commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek testing.**

We would, even if you are not contacted by Test and Trace, highly recommend your child has a PCR test if they have been, in your opinion, in close contact with someone who has tested positive or are displaying any



symptoms mentioned above. This will enable identification of anymore cases and reduce the risks of further transmissions.

Close Contacts and Siblings

Children who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are no longer required to isolate unless they develop symptoms. However, they are advised to get a PCR test, and they are at a higher risk of developing COVID-19 in the days after the contact. They do not need to isolate while they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms, however school would advise keeping your child and any siblings at home until the result is returned.

We cannot emphasis enough how important it is to work together to keep the number of cases in school low. It is crucial that if children are well enough, they are able to attend school. Please follow the advice in the letter and support us in preventing further restrictions and infections.

Yours sincerely

Mr Russell

Headteacher

