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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to you all for your support during the last half term. We understand the last six weeks have not been easy, we know that home schooling has been a difficult job alongside many of you juggling work and other children, but you have all done an amazing job, once again. We also thank all our key workers for the fantastic job they are doing during the continued pandemic.

After half term, we welcome all pupils back to school, the feedback has been extremely positive with most pupils returning. We are currently updating our risk assessment which will be available on the website next week.

As you have seen over the last week, we have had an increase in cases at Springfield, some identified by the lateral flow testing that is in place for staff. We anticipate having further positive cases due to the local picture at present. These are beyond our control and require us to close bubbles for 10 days. Please be prepared for this and have contingency plans in place. If a pupil tests positive both the class bubble and the transport bubble with need to isolate, if it is a member of staff that is positive it will just be the class bubble that will need to isolate. The protocols for sharing this with you will be as follows:

- You will be notified by text if your child needs to be collected from school, or if children are not at school it will state your child will need to self-isolate– this is the quickest method of letting all parents know at the same time.
- We will follow the text with a phone call if your child is at school to ensure you have received the text and to confirm plans for collecting your child.
- The wider school population will now receive a text not a letter to share there has been a positive case in school this will detail the class bubble. Please familiarise yourself with your child's class name

Lastly, staff at Springfield are also sharing the impact of bubble closures in other schools with their own children. It may be that we do have staff shortages within school after half term and it may be necessary to make temporary closures of classes due to staffing shortages. This will only be done as a last resort, and decisions will not be taken lightly however, we will put safety first.

We know these scenarios are far from ideal, but we will do our best to keep school as open, safe and calm as we possibly can for all our pupils during these difficult times.

If you do have any questions and concerns, please let us know at your earliest convenience and we will endeavour to support and help.

Kind Regards

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