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Dear Parents,

As a matter of courtesy I am writing to let you know that we have three more children who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Class Bear.

I appreciate that this is very concerning, particularly for parents of children in Class Bear and although I have been told that we do not need to put any extra controls in place yet we feel that we need to be proactive in doing so rather than waiting until the number of cases rises further.

We are therefore, along with the preventative measures I included in my letter of 14<sup>th</sup> October, taking steps to limit the spread of the virus by reducing opportunities for the children to mix in school. This will include, but is not limited to, separate play times for the KS2 classes, separate dining areas for KS2 and no whole school collective worship. At present we are not limiting contact of the children in Reception and KS1 with one another as we have no known positive cases of children in those classes.

I do not anticipate that these measures will go beyond the half term break but, of course, we will reassess the situation towards the end of next week and when we come back to school in November.

Although school are no longer asked to be involved in contact tracing, we will continue to inform all parents of cases in school and parents of children who we believe have been in close contact with children/staff who have tested positive. This will generally be children who we know have had prolonged contact e.g. sitting on the same table in class.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children should not attend school if they have symptoms of coronavirus and, that in these circumstances, you should seek a PCR test. We would ask that parents notify us of the outcome of a test as soon as possible. Whilst awaiting the results of a PCR anyone with symptoms should stay at home until they have received a negative result or the end of their isolation period as advised.

**Please be mindful of the fact that many of the children who have tested positive have been asymptomatic and therefore you may wish to consider regular lateral flow testing.**

I hope that this letter gives you some reassurance that we are doing as much as we can to keep children and staff safe and well.

With best wishes

Maggie

Upholding Christian values, together we ENJOY our learning, ENRICH our lives and EXCEL by making the most of our talents and gifts