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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid Update and Guidance

We are starting to see a rise in the number of cases in school, with the number of confirmed cases today as follows:

Robins: 3 cases
Puffins: 1 case
Kingfishers: 3 cases
Eagles: 3 cases

We also have two members of support staff who have tested positive over the weekend.

As we learn to live with Covid, we would like to ask our parents/carers to help us do what they can to contain the spread of the virus within school. If your child appears at all unwell, we ask that you keep them off school until they are better. If a member of your household has tested positive, it is okay to send your child to school unless they appear at all unwell, in which case we would ask that you keep them at home until they are completely better.

We know the symptoms of Covid are wide and varied and can include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. If your child has any symptoms at all, even if they are not on this list, please consider whether they may have Covid. Government guidance states that children who do have symptoms of Covid are more likely to pass on the virus than those who are asymptomatic, which is why we are asking parents/carers to keep their child at home if they are at all unwell.

If you do have access to LFT tests and your child appears unwell, or a member of your household tests positive, we would really appreciate if you could test your child, but we know that access to free LFT devices is limited so we do understand if this is not possible.

If however your child has one or more of the three main symptoms of Covid - high temperature, cough, lack of taste/smell – we ask that you take them for a PCR test and keep them off school until the results are known.

What to do if your child has a positive LFT or PCR test

If your child has a positive LFT or PCR test, we ask that they self-isolate for 5 days from either their positive test result or the start of their symptoms. They can take a LFT from 5 days after their positive test or when their symptoms started, and can return to school following two negative

tests over consecutive days. If you do not have access to LFT tests, or they are still testing positive after 10 days, they can still return to school as they are no longer considered contagious after this time.

We continue to maintain the control measures in place in school which include regular cleaning and hand hygiene, along with ensuring that school remains well ventilated.

We will continue to monitor the number of cases in school as we head towards Easter. If there are any significant increases, we may look to put additional measures in place and we will notify you if this is required. I am however hopeful that if we all work together we can successfully contain the spread within school.

I hope this letter clarifies the current arrangements in school for living with Covid. If you do have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or the school office.

Yours Faithfully,

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