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Dear Parent Carer

Over the past few days we have a number of positive cases of COVID affect both pupils and staff. Most of these cases have occurred as a result of outside school contact rather than locally transmitted within school.

As we have started to lose staff to due to illness and isolation we have had to make a number of changes to how the school runs. So far this has included returning to key stage bubbles and limiting contact between class groups.

However, if the situation continues to deteriorate we will be looking at having to ask certain groups and classes remain at home and access remote learning opportunities instead. Obviously we want to avoid this situation as much as possible and your help is paramount if we are to do so.

Consequently, we are asking you to follow these actions at all times

- If your child has a **cough, temperature or has lost their sense of smell/taste they should not** attend school until they have received a negative PCR test result. Where a PCR test is not possible or appropriate they will need to self-isolate for ten days or, if longer, until the symptoms subside
- Where a pupil in school is exhibiting one of the three classic symptoms we will need you to come into school and collect them immediately and arrange a PCR test
- If you child is ill we would ask you to err on the side of caution and not send your child into school until they are better – remember if your child has one of the above symptoms they are not allowed in school
- Where not exempt all pupils should wear a mask on transport and school minibuses
- For secondary age pupils and where your child is able to do so we would like you to help them test themselves twice a week. It is much better for this to take place in the home rather than in school so that unnecessary close contact situations can be avoided. Please contact the school if you require home testing kits.
- If your child is identified by test and trace as a close contact we would like you to arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. If your child has been identified as a close contact but is not showing any symptoms they can continue to come into school until they receive the test result

Even with these control measures it is clear that the next few weeks and months are going to be very difficult. However, with your help we will be able minimise the disruption to your child's education as much as possible.

### Reminder

School will closed to pupils for an INSET day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Many Thanks for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact school should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely

C Greenhough & D England  
Co-Headteachers

