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Advice to All Parents – Covid 19 Outbreak and Attendance Information

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform the school community of the current outbreak status in school; please see the table below. Please note, in line with current guidance, we do not report every individual case but do confirm where outbreaks occur. We would ask that families do not contact the school for further information in relation to this unless they are confirming an additional positive test or COVID 19 symptoms as:

- we have contacted all families directly that we believe we need to at this stage
- we are not able to reveal the identity of any cases – directly or indirectly
- it will tie up, already stretched resources, within our medical and administration team

Outbreak Overview

Classes	Guide and Action
4MP 5EM	4MP and 5EM are both over the 10% threshold of positive cases in the class and are therefore classed as having an outbreak. As there is an increased chance of your child being a close contact of a confirmed case they should take a PCR test via Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) or by calling 119. **When ordering a PCR test it is important to check the box (online) or tell 119 'I've been told to get a test by my health protection team' and not 'I've been told to get a test by my school'.** Further guidance can be found at Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Whilst waiting for a PCR test / PCR test result, your child should still attend school unless they develop covid symptoms.
6PO	There is 1 confirmed case of COVID 19 in 6PO. We would not normally report this to parents. However, due to a number of reports of positive lateral flow tests within this class, we have decided to communicate the potential increased risk of transmission. All positive LFDs are being followed up with PCR tests as per the government guidance.

Attendance

We understand the concerns of parents as cases rise. Please be reassured that for most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. The school remains open and we encourage you to send your child in if they remain well and have not tested positive. However, if you are concerned about the level of cases, **any decision to keep a child at home next week will be authorised**. Home-learning will be provided – this will be bespoke for one week in the lead up to Christmas, providing a range of activities. Please see the school website – Learning > Home Learning for more information if you choose this option.

Yours sincerely

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