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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

COVID 19 – Update

Just as we had considered our good fortune of being able to stay open for five full weeks we then had the misfortune to have several confirmed positive cases of Covid over the weekend and at the beginning of this week. That will teach me not to speak too soon!

Many thanks to the parents and colleagues who have been so vigilant in obtaining the tests and reporting the results to us immediately. We can confirm that, having consulted with the **DFE** and **Public Health England**, we have taken all actions in line with their clear advice in order to reduce the further spread of the virus across the community. We will continue to do so if more cases emerge. Our vigilance in following the track and trace guidance, as we must, also presents us with significant staff absence issues. It is so disappointing though not entirely unexpected that we have now had to close Nursery, Reception, Year One and our Westerton Kids' Club until after the half term break. This covers the necessary 'close' and 'proximity contact' self - isolation period for those children and colleagues who may have been affected, may still be asymptomatic but could still become unwell.

Our colleagues in those year groups now working from home will continue to provide learning for our children through the online platform, Tapestry. We look forward to welcoming all the children back into school on Monday, 2nd November after half term.

Whilst we still are always striving to be **inclusive**, we must also aim to prioritise the **health and safety** of everyone to try to ensure pupils and staff can stay safe in the current conditions. Our **Code of Behaviour** continues to reflect our inclusive ethos but has now been revised to include the addendum for Covid 19 issued by the local authority. This can be found under 'Policies' on our website and details the measures taken when behaviour falls below expectations and/or becomes unsafe. We will always endeavour to uphold the **confidentiality** of individual pupils as issues in school are addressed and we do thank you for understanding the need to do this.

Our system of communication with the use of texts and follow-up letters does seem to have worked efficiently. We will always try to provide as much notice as possible for parents when there is a need to collapse a bubble. Your support, understanding and very swift responses have been very much appreciated by all colleagues.

Yours faithfully

Stephanie Makin
Principal and the Westerton Team