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Dear Parents,

I am sorry I did not manage to write to you in the last week - as I am sure you are aware it is extremely busy in school and there is a lot going on.

Having spoken to many of my Headteacher colleagues I knew that we had been very lucky, as a school, during this covid crisis - but as it is a national pandemic - luck wasn't going to last forever.

At present we have Year 6, Year 1 and Nursery isolating - three separate confirmed cases of covid. We have followed all the protocols in place for when we get notified of positive cases, all have been reported to Public Health, all parents of children in those classes have been informed and a learning programme is in place.

Nursery and Year 6 return on Monday 23rd November
Year 1 return on Monday 30th November

There are also a number of staff impacted, including myself, who are having to isolate. Together we are having to learn how to run, manage and support a school in these current times. Staff are working from home, teaching on-line, holding meetings virtually and supporting the school and families in the best way they can.

I am thankful that no one is seriously ill and remain confident that we have everything in place in school to make it as covid secure as possible. However I do need to point out a few things:

- (i) If a member of your household goes for a test **DO NOT** send your child to school until the test result is returned. Your child only returns if the test result is **NEGATIVE** and they have **NO** symptoms.
- (ii) If your child has a test **DO NOT** send your child to school whilst waiting for the test result. They can only return to school if the test result is **NEGATIVE**, they have **NO** symptoms and no-one else in your household has a **POSTIVE TEST** or **SYMPTOMS**
- (iii) If someone in your household or your child develops symptoms then book a test and remain at home until the results are returned to you.





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- (iv) Inform the school if a member of your household or your child has symptoms - we will advise you to book a test and not send them to school.
- (v) If you are contacted by track and trace and need to isolate - then do it; don't disregard or ignore the information.

Yes it is a pain; yes it does get in the way of work and life in general but if we don't all follow the guidance then covid numbers will remain high, national restrictions will remain in place, hospitals will continue to struggle and schools will continue to have to send bubbles home.

I can confirm, having known people with covid, that it is real, it does make some people seriously ill and although we may all be tired and fed up; we need to continue to follow the guidance as hard and difficult as that is.

I have given the same message to my staff - none of whom is immune, if they have symptoms they can't come to work unless they get a test. If they have a positive test they have to remain at home and isolate; if they are told by track and trace or by the school that they have to isolate then they have to and if someone in their own households has symptoms, that person has to book a test and the household remain at home until the result comes through.

Please continue to support our community as you have, smile at Mr Wilson and Mrs Hodson who are leading the school whilst I command from home.

If your child/children are currently isolating, let them know they are not alone, please look at the school website for advice for online learning sessions and contact the school if you require paper learning packs.

I should hopefully see many of you very soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hobbs

**"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you..." Isaiah 41: 10**

