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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you as we have a number of COVID cases within the school and inform you of the measures we are putting in place in addition to our existing measures. As our numbers have risen, it makes sense to think about taking extra action.

As you know we have an Outbreak Management plan which outlines how we would operate when we are advised to take extra measures to help break possible chains of transmission. These measures are considered as a last resort, and for the shortest amount of time possible.

Following advice from Public Health, thankfully, we are able to go ahead with our cinema trip tomorrow which has been planned as a positive experience for our children to provide a fun treat for their well-being. We will have additional measures in place to reduce the risk of transmission including sole occupancy of the cinema screening.

Within school, we have and continue to follow the Government control measures regarding good hygiene, appropriate cleaning regimes, ventilation and maintaining Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases.

Given the rise in cases, we will be resuming our class bubbles, staggered break and lunch times and avoiding mixing by pausing whole school gatherings such as assemblies. We will let you know if we need to postpone Celebration Circles or amend the Nativity plays to a virtual version (as a last resort). At the moment, the existing one-way system for drop off and collection will remain unchanged. These additional measures will hopefully only need to be in place for a short time to further reduce the risk of transmission between classes.

With the rising cases within the community, it is as important as ever to follow Government advice and ensure that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell or have symptoms. If a member of the household tests positive to COVID 19 Government Guidance should be followed.

I will inform you when we are in the position to remove the additional outbreak measures.

Thank you for your continued support.

