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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the start of term I would like to bring you all up to speed with the measures and contingency planning we will have in place for our ongoing management of Covid-19.

As I mentioned in my letter last week, guidance has changed with a view to ensuring we take small but steady steps forward. This, of course is very welcomed by us all, however we will still be very much focused on ensuring we keep staff and children as safe, happy and healthy as possible.

To make sure of this we have risk assessments in place which will be available on the school website at the start of term. The risk assessments set out what control measures we will be adhering to; these are, for the most part, the measures that have already been in place and have been very effective. In brief we will:

- ask that only one adult drops off/picks up children each day
- continue to have regular washing and sanitising routines
- continue to have regular classroom wipe downs
- continue to clean toilets after use
- continue to ensure school is well ventilated
- continue to stagger playtimes and lunchtimes
- reduce equipment being brought into school
- ask that PE uniform should be worn on PE days – all day (no need to change)
- ask that social distancing is maintained wherever possible we are all good at this now!

Throughout the pandemic so far we have had to deal with the unexpected, often reacting quickly and with very little notice. As we start a new school year we have put in place contingency planning in the event of an outbreak threshold being met. The government have stated that extra measures will need to be activated if:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period;

or

- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

“Think big; think differently and always creatively”

As has been the case throughout, the situation may change at short notice, which can be disappointing and frustrating for all – if this happens we ask for your cooperation and will do our best to communicate any changes in good time.

Isolation periods for contacts of positive cases are no longer required, however if we have a positive case confirmed within the school setting then we will inform families of this to make them aware.

The new government contingency framework guidance can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011704/20210817_Contingency_Framework_FINAL.pdf

To ensure we continue to manage and be aware of cases on a day to day basis and within our school community, can we ask that:

- You inform us as soon as possible if a household member has tested positive for covid-19.
- You continue to make use of lateral flow tests if in any doubt symptoms possibly being covid related.
Packs of tests can be picked up at local chemists.

I realise anxieties will still be high for some of you – we all have very different circumstances to manage. Please be reassured that we will continue to keep you informed and up to date with all important information.

Yours sincerely



Head teacher