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Important update for w/c 18th October 2021

17th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update everyone on the ongoing Covid-19 situation at school and to share our plans for the coming week. Hopefully, by doing this, it will help everyone feel better prepared.

Without a doubt, the past has been a challenging week for everyone; with each letter we send out anxiety levels understandably spike, but in school we have managed to stay on track and the children are happy and learning.

As we start the final week of this half term we are hopeful things will settle down but it is important to be prepared and informed if they don't.

Here are our plans for the next 5 days (all subject to change with little notice – but fingers crossed).

- **Firstly and importantly, as an additional measure can we ask that, from Monday Junior children all bring in a home packed lunch this week. We will continue to make packed lunches for all infant children and for those Junior children who are in receipt of free school meals. By doing this the children can eat in their classrooms up until half term; this reduces pressure on staffing and duties and also reduces movement and contact. Meals for Junior children, that have already been ordered, will be refunded.**
- School will be open as usual. As I mentioned in my previous letter, staffing ratios are my main priority and we continue to plan and adapt according to the staff we have in school. This may result in classes being taught together or a different member of staff taking a class. All staff are testing daily. Please continue to test your children before sending them into school, if you are happy to do so.
- Should staffing become an issue then individual classes will be sent home and revert to home learning up until half term, Currently, as I write this letter, staffing levels are fine for the start of the week.
- There is a remote possibility that, if staffing levels drop significantly, we may need to close early for half term. We would only do this after getting advice from our Education Infection Control team. If this happens then all classes will revert to home learning for the remaining days

Yours sincerely

Head teacher