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Principal: Mr A Hill

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid case in school

Unfortunately, a child within the Owlets class has tested positive for Covid-19. Their symptoms are mild.

Th child has been in school up to and including the 28th January.

This takes the total number of positive cases in the school to 3 within the last 10 days. All cases are within the Owlets class.

We are currently at level 3 of our contingency plan (attached) and continue to ensure the health and wellbeing of our children and community using the procedures listed below.

Given the nature of play-based learning within the Owlets class, I would strongly recommend all Owlets children take daily LFT tests for 7 days from the 28th of January.

*Children under 5 Years are, according to government guidance, exempt from self-isolation and testing – however, as a school, safety and wellbeing is our key priority, and we maintain our position of strongly recommending daily LFTs and isolation if your child tests positive.

A close contact is defined as anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
- been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)

Children, under the age of 18, are not required to self-isolate and should continue attending school unless they become unwell or test positive for Covid-19.

Adults who are fully vaccinated (2 doses) are not required to isolate.

Wider covid measures

We continue to take measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in school including:

Enhanced hand washing for children and adults

- Hand sanitisation points
- Enhanced cleaning regimes
- Daily LFT testing for adults on site.
 - Including parents, guardians and visitors.
- Face coverings are highly recommended for staff in communal areas (unless exempt)
- Parents/Carers are asked to wear face coverings when on the playground to collect children (unless exempt)
- Enhanced ventilation within school
- Carbon Dioxide monitors to ensure appropriate ventilation.
- Enhanced vigilance for symptoms of Covid-19.

Our covid risk assessments and contingency plans can be viewed on our website.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support,

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