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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid cases in school

Unfortunately, an additional child has tested positive for Covid-19 over the weekend. Their symptoms are mild.

The child has been in school up to and including the 11th of February.

This takes the total number of positive cases in the school to 13 within the last 10 days.

Many of the children who recently tested positive have now returned to school following the statutory two negative Lateral Flow Tests 24 hours apart on Day 5 and 6, and being free of symptoms.

We are now **at level 4** of our contingency plan and continue to ensure the health and wellbeing of our children and community using the procedures listed below.

I would strongly recommend daily Lateral Flow Testing of your children for 7 days from 11th February.

*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 then 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.

Contingency level 4 measures:

- Large gatherings, such as assemblies, are temporarily cancelled

- Any mixing of classes indoors will be restricted to essential (Owlets and Tawny Owls for lunch) times only.
- Visitors will be limited to only those essential for the running of the school and delivery of the curriculum.
- Trips and visits will be reviewed and adapted/cancelled
 - Swimming will take place with adaptations in travel to ensure social distancing and ventilation. Children are welcome to wear masks, however this is not mandatory. Aqua Stars continue with enhanced cleaning and social distancing measures.
- After school clubs will be adapted to be wholly outside.
- All previous preventative measures will continue.

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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