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RE: Increase in Covid 19 cases

Dear Parent / Carers,

After a number of weeks with no cases of Covid 19 amongst staff or pupils, I write to inform you that over the course of last week and this weekend we find ourselves with positive cases in school again.

As you are aware, the national situation has changed since we last had cases in school and as a result there have also been changes to the guidance around implementation of the School's Outbreak Management Plan. Under the old system 10% of pupils (3 out of a class of 30) would trigger the plan for an individual class. Since the changes were introduced, schools are now working with terminology as a trigger, which is described as a 'rapidly increasing' number of cases and refers to the whole school situation.

Given that a number of cases have arisen throughout school in 4 out of our 5 classes, we are now evaluating the situation on a daily basis. In the meantime, we will continue to implement our 4 control measures – good ventilation, enhanced hand washing, enhanced cleaning and use of CO2 monitors in all classes.

Please can I ask for you to be additionally vigilant if your child is unwell and we recommend taking a Lateral Flow test if you have any concerns. Should your child test positive, the process in school remains exactly as it was before changes to national restrictions in February. Pupils should isolate for 10 days unless they are able to produce two negative tests, 24 hours apart, no earlier than day 5 and 6. If two negative tests are completed, pupils may return to school, no earlier than day 6, as long as they don't have a high temperature. Pupils can return after 10 days even if the test remains positive as long as they don't have a high temperature.

At the moment I have no idea if we will need to reintroduce further control measures as detailed in our School's Outbreak Management plan. Should cases 'rapidly increase' over the course of this week or next, then we will be left with no choice. This may impact on our whole school events such as Mother's Day lunch and our Easter church service. I will, of course, maintain regular contact with Nottinghamshire Public Health to seek their advice and keep you fully informed of any decisions made as the week progresses.

Kind regards,

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Lisa Crossland
Head Teacher