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Dear Parents/Carers,

### COVID UPDATE

You have received various letters/notifications over the weekend about some cases of COVID in school at the moment. I am writing to let you know the position we are currently in because I am aware that the situation can sound complicated.

- We are working closely with Public Health England and will respond to the guidance they give as we share information with them. A risk assessment and an action plan are in place.
- We have a number of pupils and staff in school who have tested positive. The guidance is that only people who are ill or who have tested positive need to stay at home – and class groups remain open - this is what we are doing.
- If we get more cases Public Health England may ask us to close bubbles and if this is the case, you will be notified.
- If we are in a situation where we cannot staff groups because of high levels of illness, then again we would have to contact you – at this point we do not need to do this.

We recognise that this may be concerning for pupils, parents and staff – we will continue to communicate with everyone and work closely with Public Health as necessary. The challenge is that it is the time of year when pupils get colds and coughs – the symptoms when children **must be kept at home** are high temperature, loss of smell and taste and a continuous cough. Whilst we understand that there are times when children will have symptoms that are not COVID – please could you help us by keeping children at home if they are unwell. Please can you continue to do Lateral Flow tests with your child as often as you can – and at least twice a week if possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding at this time. If you have any questions, please let us know.

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Head Teacher

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