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Dear Parents

Cases of Covid 19 in School

Unfortunately, we have had a small number of Covid cases in the school which have affected some staff and pupils. It is at this point we have decided to make you aware of the fact but we are not able to reveal the identity of staff or children concerned.

As you are aware, as directed by government guidance, bubbles and social distancing have been removed and the test and tracing is now the responsibility of NHS. The school puts controls in place which are checked by our external risk assessors.

We work to guidance from Public Health and Local Health Authority involvement only takes places when thresholds of cases are met. We are in contact with Public Health and will update you on any changes to our way of operating **if** this is necessary.

Lunches will be in the hall for the Key Stage One **only** next week and hot meals will be taken in classrooms for the juniors.

I am very aware that the absence of our two Reception class teachers is a concern but am happy to tell you that we expect Miss Plunkett to return on Monday and that Miss Farley who taught in Key Stage One for part of last year will be teaching Mrs Devey's class for all of next week.

If you suspect that your child is suffering from symptoms of Covid, do take them for a PCR test. In the meantime, thank you for your understanding as we strive to overcome some of the challenges of this week.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran A Loftus Headteacher

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