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INFORMATON REGARDING ADDITIONAL MEASURES IN SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been advised that there have been confirmed cases of Covid-19 within Class 2.

The **school remains open** and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

It is unlikely that you will be contacted by Test and Trace. However, we can confirm that we consider all of Class 2 children to be close contacts of at least one of the positive cases. We would therefore encourage you to follow advice for close contacts that can be found on the government website as follows:

'Anyone aged 5 years and over, who has been identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 and who is not legally required to self-isolate, is now strongly advised to take a rapid lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days or until 10 days since their last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier. If any of these LFD tests are positive they should self-isolate in order to protect other people.'

In line with our Outbreak management Plan, we will be moving to Stage 2 and reintroducing the following measures:

- **Bubbles-** Class 2 will return to a single bubble
 - ◆ They will not mix with any other classes
 - ◆ They will have their dinner separate from other classes
 - ◆ They will not mix outside at break and playtimes

- **Breakfast Club-** children in Class 2 will be kept separate to the other classes and not mix.

These measures will be in place until **Wednesday 26th January 2022, when they will be reviewed**. We will inform you if we need to extend these arrangements.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child does develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. Book a free PCR test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test . If positive, your child should isolate for 10 full days after their symptoms appeared.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at 111.nhs.uk/ or by phoning 111.

If your child has a positive test result but does not have symptoms they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

People who receive positive LFD test results for COVID 19 will be required to self isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

You must always register the result of your home test at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

It is now possible for people with COVID-19 to end self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a high temperature.

You can take an LFD test from 5 days after the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. If both these test results are negative, you may end your self isolation after the second negative test.

You should stop testing after you have had 2 consecutive negative test results*.

This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

Help, support, and further information.

To help you comply with the requirement to self-isolate, the County Durham Together Community Hub can provide access to essential supplies, financial support and emotional support as well as other services. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help or call the Community Hub on 03000 260260 for further details.

There is also support available the coronavirus section via durhamlocate.org.uk

Finally, we would like to thank you for everything you've done to keep your family and community safe, and for your patience in continuing to support our school during this challenging time.

Best Wishes,

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Acting Headteacher

