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Dear Parents

Temporary Stepped Up Covid Measures

We have had a number of COVID-19 cases within the school recently which has triggered the need for what is known as 'stepped-up measures' to be implemented temporarily in order to try to control transmission across the school. This decision has been taken in conjunction with and on the advice of the Health Protection Hub and follows the advice within the Government's Contingency Framework for schools.

These measures are additional to the fundamental controls we already have in place covering issues such as ventilation, cleaning and handwashing. The additional control measures have been designed to have minimal impact on your child's education, and are as follows:

We are reintroducing year group bubbles for Years 5 and 6. This means that we will be keeping Year 6 children apart from Year 5 children. These two year groups are already kept separate from other year groups due to our established phase bubbles.

We would recommend PCR testing for children in Year 6 and any siblings they have within the school, selecting "Advised by the Local Authority" as the reason for testing. The pupils would not need to await the results before attending to school.

We are already social distancing amongst staff but are re-emphasising this to all staff. We are re-introducing face coverings for staff in communal areas.

We will consider whether any activities could take place outdoors, including exercise or classes, if weather and practicalities permit.

We will be extra vigilant for symptoms among staff and pupils and ensure that anyone displaying symptoms stays off school and gets tested.

We would ask that you, as parents, remain vigilant for symptoms and to keep your child off school if symptomatic and get them tested. Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

These additional controls remain in place for at least 10 days and we will continue to liaise with the Health Protection Hub during this time. We will advise you again when these controls are lifted.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in this matter.

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Head teacher



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