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Dear Families,

We hope that you and your families continue to keep well during these challenging times. The news is full of worrying statistics but also 'hope' for the future with the vaccine being administered.

In school we are continually reflecting on our risk assessment and keeping the children and staff safe. We have tightened measures in school in response to the current numbers, the new variant and cases locally. Thank you to those who are only sending children in on the days it is absolutely necessary. By reducing numbers in school we can help to keep our community safe.

Going forward, our key messages to parents are:

- Please only send your children to school if the place is needed to support a vulnerable child or to enable key worker parents to work. **If you can keep your child at home, please do.** If you have one child isolating (due to a bubble closure), please also keep other siblings at home.
- If anybody in the household has symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, temperature, loss of or change to smell or taste), the entire household must isolate whilst the symptomatic individual is tested. If you are also in a support bubble, the support bubble should also isolate.
- Please do not send children to school with any symptoms of illness even if these are not classic COVID-19 symptoms. These include: **loss of appetite, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, extreme tiredness, headaches, joint pain, muscle ache, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, altered consciousness or seizures.**
- Please keep children at home until their symptoms resolve or, if their symptoms develop into a cough, temperature or loss of smell/taste, then continue to self-isolate and arrange a test..

Whilst we are all reassured that children are at low risk of severe illness, these measures are vital to prevent onward transmission, protect those around our children, and enable our school to continue to operate, offer an education to your children and a service to key workers with minimum disruption.

Thank you to all our families who are continuing to support their children to engage with the remote learning their teacher has set daily. We know this is extremely challenging with family and work commitments. Do keep in touch and be kind to yourselves. You have your children at home to keep them and us safe and this is the paramount concern at this time. We hope that you are starting to find some routine that works for you and your family and remember that we are here to support you so don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything at all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Edwards

