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22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have, unfortunately seen a rise in positive COVID cases over the weekend. There are now positive cases in every year group and over 25% of the school population are in isolation with the virus. This is the case across many schools in Devon and the Southwest and a situation that was predicted by Public Health England as we move towards colder months.

I wrote to you on Friday about our actions and how we can all help to stop the further spread of COVID and hopefully ensure we are all well for Christmas. We know how important connection time with our families and friends is and especially after the tricky 2 years we have all had.

### Actions to stop the spread:

1. We have returned to strict bubbles within school, this includes during breaks and lunchtimes.
2. Frequent handwashing to continue.
3. Catch it, bin it, kill it, reminders to all children.
4. All 'high touch points' will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
5. Staff are wearing masks when in communal areas and when meeting any parents face to face.
6. Staff are taking daily LFD tests and I have asked all staff to take a PCR test today even if showing no symptoms.
7. All clubs have been cancelled for at least this week and next week.
8. We are not having any visitors onsite; this includes staff from across the Trust who regularly visit the school to support teaching and learning.

### How can you help?

1. **Courtenay Class and Templar Class: If your child is in Courtenay Class or Templar Class we strongly advice that you take your child for a PCR test whether they are symptomatic or not and even if they have a recent negative lateral flow test. We are seeing evidence that after a negative lateral flow test, children are testing positive with a PCR test. To book a PCR test please visit Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).**
2. Be extra vigilant to any signs of COVID. If your child has; a new cough, a temperature or loss of smell/taste they MUST immediately isolate and take a PCR test.
3. We are also asking that any child who is a close contact of a positive case, even if they have no symptoms, takes a PCR test (NOT LFD) and remains at home until they have a negative result. This is advice from Public Health as we have an 'outbreak'.

### Changes to the school calendar.

1. **All clubs have been cancelled for at least the next two weeks.**
2. **We are currently able to continue to run breakfast club. However, this may have to be temporarily cancelled if more staff become unwell.**
3. **Christmas events will happen without any visitors onsite. I know this will be disappointing, and we will do all we can to ensure children have a lovely**



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**Christmas term at school and provide parents with videos and photographs of the fun.**

**4. Any activities that include mixing of bubbles will be postponed until after the Christmas break. This unfortunately includes; The PTFA Christmas Fayre, school disco and the Year 6 trip to Decoy. We hope to run some of these activities in the New Year instead.**

**5. The school disco and MUFTI day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December will still go ahead and will be class based from 1.30 – 2.30pm. The cost is £3.50 per child and will include a drink, snacks and small toys. Please bring in the money in an envelope with your child's name and class on it.**

### **Remote Learning.**

1. Remote learning will be available on Google Classroom by 9am Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November for any children who are isolating. (paper packs can be collected from the office if required)
2. Reception and Year 1 children will be sent links to Read Write Inc phonics lessons (recorded).
3. If your child is unwell, we do not expect them to complete any learning.

I know that this can be a worrying time for many of you and want to reassure you that we are doing all we can to stop the spread of the virus and get everyone well for Christmas. If you have any worries or concerns please do ring the school office.

Yours Sincerely

*Mrs L Secker*

Head of Academy