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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19

Following a meeting with Staffordshire Health & Safety and Education leadership, we are putting in place some protocols to try to halt the spread of positive cases seen in schools. We do this when guided by Staffordshire CC and the Local Outbreak Control Team – we do not arbitrarily do it.

Please see the letter from Staffordshire CC.

We aim to reduce contact and the difficulties associated with positive cases, including spreading COVID to others. We aim to ensure that we keep as many children in school as possible where they belong. We want measures to be proportionate to risk, whilst looking after the children's well-being. To that end, we are planning carefully to make things seem as 'normal' as possible.

Measures include:

- Keeping classes separate where appropriate – in practice, this will not affect the children too much as they spend most of the day in their class
- Keeping year groups apart, including at break times.
- N.B. We may encourage children to play with their class but they will be able to see friends from the other class in their year, when they are outside
- We will ask contacts of positive cases to take a PCR test
- We will tweak our lunchtime plans so that classes eat separately
- Changing which pupils can attend particular clubs (further details to follow separately) **BUT** we will be maintaining extra-curricular activities where possible

We still apply hygiene routines e.g. hand washing and additional cleaning.

We hope you understand that we are just trying to do our best to keep the children in school. They have endured much disruption since March 2020 and we do not want any of them stuck at home with Coronavirus.

I hope this is a short-term measure and we will keep you informed with significant updates, moving forward.

Once again, thank you for your continued and consistent support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher