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Dear parents / carers,

It has been such a positive and fantastic start of term; the children and staff are delighted to be back at school and have settled well into routines already. This includes our new starters in Willow class who have been amazing! As always, thank you for all of your support and efforts at home.

It is, of course, of paramount importance that we all continue to remain vigilant to the risks posed by the spread of Covid-19, despite the tremendous success of the vaccine rollout to adults in breaking chains of transmission. I hope that the planned rollout of vaccines to 12-15 year olds will further help to protect the most vulnerable in our communities from serious illness.

We continue to ask for your support in being very alert for symptoms in your household and using Lateral Flow Tests regularly (twice a week is recommended for adults) and anytime you feel it necessary for your children. I know with the high prevalence of colds and lack of symptoms in positive cases among children, it is hard to know sometimes what to do. My advice would be that you test if you are unsure and keep children off school with heavy colds where they are regularly coughing and sneezing.

We continue to follow Trust guidance on managing any positive cases in our school community. If anyone in your household tests positive, you should obtain PCR tests for everyone in the household and isolate until the results are known. Children who test negative on a PCR test can attend school, even if someone in their home is positive. Please contact us with any positive results.

We will inform you if we are classed to have an 'outbreak' within our school. Currently this is defined as:

- 5 positive cases amongst pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period or
- 10% of pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10-day period.

In this event, we will activate our Outbreak Management Plan which will reintroduce measures such as bubbles to provide further protection against the spread of the virus. We hope that by working together and commutating, the above will not be required.

Finally, after listening to concerns raised by parents/children, I must now ask that NO dogs are brought onto the school grounds. I am a dog lover myself but I understand that some of our pupils are 'terrified' of dogs. I am sure that you will all understand this decision made in the interests of the pupil's safety and their well-being. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

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