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Dear Parents/carers

Covid-19 Outbreak in school – Update to all parents

You will all be aware that we have experienced an outbreak of Covid-19 in school over the past week which unfortunately resulted in the lock-down of:

- The whole of Year 6, which included all our remote learning pupils who were eagerly awaiting their return to school on Monday 8th March
- Reception pupils and Year 1/2 overspill class who had been in school 4th and 5th March 2021

School have been working with Local Outbreak Control Team all week, undertaking a robust review of our school control measures and an investigation into the potential root causes of the outbreak. Local Outbreak Team have concluded that:

- School continues to have robust and effective control measures in place which this week have clearly been evidenced in limiting and containing the transmission in school to the initial outbreak. There is no evidence of wider transmission occurring between Year Group Bubbles in school and it is likely that community transmission is the root cause for the outbreak in school. This can be determined by:
 - All staff in school, with the exception of the 2 staff who tested positive in Year 6 on initial outbreak, having negative PCR Tests this week. This means school have managed to maintain the integrity of our Staffing Bubbles with no evidence of transmission between staff or staff: pupils outside the original outbreak of cases in Year 6
 - No mixing of the pupils in school, or sibling link which could have resulted in the transmission between Year 6, Year 1/2 overspill and Reception
 - School's robust Hygiene control measures which include weekly application of 'Zoono' to all touchpoints, morning/lunchtime and evening sanitisation of all touchpoints in school. Local Outbreak Control Team highlighted school's excellent practice in this area citing our introduction of using 'Zoono' which has a proven evidence-base for being highly effective in reducing transmission and spiking/killing the covid-19 virus when it lands on hard surfaces.
- The pupil outbreaks are almost certainly as a result of community transmission. **As part of our joint review with Local Outbreak Control Team we have highlighted the following potential transmission risks reported by staff/other parents in school this week:**
 - **Some parents are car-sharing dropping off and collecting children outside of their home family group – School request parents who are doing this to cease with immediate effect, the current Government Guidance is clear – No Car sharing outside of your immediate family/home bubble is permitted at this time**
 - **Some children in school are talking openly about visiting friends to play, attending family/friends Birthday parties and mixing in other people's homes. We urge you all to follow the Government Road Map out of Lock-down and refrain from such activities.**
 - **Some parents are not adhering to our control measures relating to:**
 - **Maintaining social distancing whilst on school site**
 - **Adhering to our drop-off/collection times and on-site one way system**
 - **Our request that all site visitors/parents wear face coverings as soon as they enter the school site**
 - **Allowing their children to play on the wooden play equipment at collection times**

We therefore, ask you as parents to continue to adhere to the Government's Road Map out of Lock-down and our School Covid-19 control measures so together we can continue to ensure our children have access to a safe covid free environment in school which supports their continued and sustained attendance in school and keeps all of us and our families safe and well.

Kind regards

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