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Dear Parents,

You may be aware that we had members of the school community who have tested positive for Coronavirus. As I communicated previously, the expectation is that we manage this locally and inform parents if the numbers of cases increase. This is now the case and I am writing to you in consultation with the Norfolk Outbreak Team.

Our concern was that several cases were in Badgers class, although other classes have had cases there were more in this group. I have reviewed our risk assessment with the team and they are confident that we have sufficient measures in place at this point. We have agreed a number of measures which will hopefully reduce further transmission. These include:

- Staff increasing the regularity of lateral flow tests. These will be carried out daily during this period.
- Parents and other adult members of the school community to continue to carry out regular lateral flow testing. These are to identify those who are asymptomatic. Anyone with symptoms must access a PCR and not attend the site.
- LFT are not for use with children under 11, they should have a PCR if there are any concerns.
- Parents should lower their threshold for concerns over illness and keep children at home and follow up with a PCR test.
- All adults on site to wear a face mask where a distance cannot be maintained, this includes drop off and pick up.

If numbers continue to rise significantly and go to the next stage of our contingency plan. This will include the option of returning to class bubbles and staggered entry.

Whilst this is not considered a large outbreak at this point we will continue to follow the advice of the outbreak team and provide you with updates. We do appreciate that the guidance has changed significantly since last year and that the reduction in restrictions can cause great concern, particularly where family members are vulnerable. However, the government guidance is based on the understanding that the majority of adults are now vaccinated and that children are less likely to become very unwell. Please be assured that we will continue to do all we can to keep our community safe and well. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jennie Müller

Headteacher