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Dear Parents/carers

I hope like us you are enjoying the wider freedoms that we are now able to experience as part of everyday life and here's to hoping that the weather provides us with the chance to spend more time outdoors; where we know it is still safer to be when meeting others not from within our own household. It is because of the recent changes that I wanted to take this opportunity to write out to you jointly with your school's head teacher.

As of 17th May 2021, we have had the freedoms to meet with a greater number of people and more specifically to be able to meet those people at indoor venues. It is inevitable that as we have these options available to us, there will be an increased risk of the virus spreading. All of our schools have strict measures in places to minimise this risk and the safe systems of work that are used have so far been highly effective in keeping your children in school. However, over the past few days, we have seen an increase in cases both regionally (with talk of a new Yorkshire variant) and specifically in our schools. It is with this in mind that we ask for your continued support. **Vigilance is paramount.** If you, your child or anyone in your household display symptoms of COVID-19, please have a PCR test conducted at your earliest convenience. We have been asked by our local Public Health Team to remind families that the LFD (Lateral Flow Device) testing kits which can be completed at home, are for asymptomatic people only and should **NOT** be used if someone is displaying symptoms. Continue, where possible, to maintain social distancing and high standards of hygiene, especially hand hygiene and wearing of masks. If you, your child or anyone in your household, display any symptoms, that person should immediately isolate until a PCR test confirms if you have COVID-19 or not.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS.

When reporting a confirmed case of COVID-19 to your school it is **IMPERATIVE** that you use the school's procedures for doing so. Using any other means of communicating this result to the school can significantly delay the time critical activities that need to take place following a notification of a positive case. Your school's head teacher details their procedure again below:

If your child receives notification of a positive test during school hours, please immediately telephone the office and advise them of the positive case. You will then be asked a few details to support the school in understanding the case and making decisions on if a closure is necessary. If your child receives a positive case outside of school hours, please immediately email the school office with an email subject which includes your child's name and the words 'Positive COVID case'. This will then be actioned as soon as the email is received and procedures can be put into place as soon as possible.

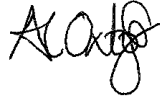
I do appreciate that as we have been living under these circumstances for such a long period of time that we all relax our approach to the measures that are there to keep us safe. I therefore make no apology that I am reiterating these to you now. Please help us to keep our schools open to as many children as we possibly can. Doing your small part is contributing to a much bigger picture of ensuring that your children can attend school.

Thank you for your continuing support, now and in the future.

Yours sincerely



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