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Dear Parents and Carers

We have seen an increase in COVID-19 cases in school over the last week, particularly amongst our staff team. The limited availability of both our own team and supply agency staff nationwide, due to COVID-19 and other illnesses, means that we may need to limit the number of children that are able to attend our site during the days ahead as we have a legal and moral obligation to meet staff-child ratios. We would notify you of such a decision via text message. Please therefore ensure we always have your latest contact details.

Should we need to limit places, the following groups would be prioritised:

- Vulnerable children
- Working families (where possible)

Please continue to be vigilant in identifying potential COVID-19 symptoms in your child. If your child has any of the following main symptoms they must either self-isolate until a negative PCR test result is obtained or self-isolate for 10 days.

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please report all suspected and confirmed cases to us.

Cases of the Omicron variant would be notified via NHS test and trace following the PCR test. Where this is identified, the recipient of the positive test and close contacts are required to isolate for 10 days, regardless of vaccination status. Again, please also inform us if this is the case.

We are doing our utmost to ensure that the disruption to learning is as minimal as possible and would encourage parents to keep their child off if they are at all unwell and only return to school when they are fully fit again. It is prudent to air on the side of caution as we approach Christmas but please contact the school office, or 119, if you need any advice.

David Aldworth
Executive Head Teacher

