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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your weekly update letter number 11

Unfortunately, despite all of our best endeavours and strict adherence to the Government Covid guidelines we had our first confirmed positive case of Coronavirus in school yesterday, as you were informed. In light of this we are writing our update letter early this week to provide some additional feedback based on our experience of the last 24 hours.

Firstly, we wanted to thank the parents of the affected year group for collecting their children promptly from school and making arrangements to keep them at home in self-isolation for the required 14 days. We do understand how difficult this is and the impact on working parents, however we have to put safety first and follow guidance and procedures from Public Health England. Please contact us if you haven't already done so to discuss any specific issues you may have, especially regarding other children in families who should be in school. We will do our best to support you. On that note we would suggest, that if your child/children are not in the affected year group on this occasion, you nevertheless take the opportunity now to consider what adjustments and arrangements you would need to make should the situation arise. Things to consider:

- Siblings to be dropped off and collected from school by a family member or friend, neighbour non-attendance would be recorded as unauthorised absence.
- Someone in the community who would be prepared to organise a 'walking bus'
- Use of our federation Breakfast and/or After school club
- Discuss with your employer what they may be able to offer in the event of a school / year group / class bubble closure.

Finally, we would like to draw your attention back to all the measures that we have in place to protect our school communities and thank the vast majority of you for your cooperation and support with these which has enabled us to have 10 weeks of uninterrupted school this term. Once again though we need to respectfully remind those who persist in waiting outside the Victoria Road gate at the end of the day that you please:

- Wear a face covering to protect others in our school community
- Socially distance from each other whilst waiting
- Wait on the pavement (2 metres apart please) and DO NOT stand in the middle of the gateway or road thereby blocking the exit route for families using the one-way system as requested.

Meanwhile we will continue to revisit and update our risk assessment as necessary and keep regular, open communication with you. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries or concerns you may have by phone or email to either of the school offices, and refer to previous correspondence especially the links to government guidance.

Yours faithfully, Mrs J Sonner Deputy Head of Federation