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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a quick note to keep you all informed of where we are with COVID cases since half term - the last two weeks.

We have several children at the Junior site awaiting results of PCR tests. Today we have had notification of 4 new cases. At the end of the school day on Friday we had 6 confirmed cases. I will be seeking further site specific advice today for the Junior school. Parents in affected classes have been informed with a close contact letter and advising a PCR test is taken. There are no current positive cases at the infants; but some parents are awaiting PCR results.

Could I ask you all to remain vigilant with taking PCRs when advised in close contact letters. Parents have been good at informing us of positive lateral flow tests - please continue to do this. We do not report lateral flow tests to parents; only confirmed positive PCR tests. This is very important in our tracking and management of cases. Do not send children to school if they are unwell whilst awaiting PCR results whatever the result of a lateral flow test.

Your co-operation in these measures is crucial to us keeping the classes and school open. More cases will lead to potentially more staff cases which impacts our ability to run the school fully. Several staff have already been affected since September and during the half term break.

We are aware that its sometimes inconvenient to keep children off school due to work commitments but please bear in mind other children and their families, as well as our staff.

The Public Health Dorset letter sent out on Friday confirms that all the current measures remain in place. Staff are not mixing in large groups, there are no large assemblies, we will risk assess every activity week by week and staff wear masks in communal areas. Please support us by wearing masks on the school grounds.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs W Roberts
Head of Federation