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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received further recommendations from the local authority and Public Health Dorset regarding the high number of COVID cases in the South West of England. As a result, we are instigating increased measures for a two-week period to try and reduce transmission of positive cases. You are already aware that the government's drive is to keep children in school and for schools to remain open, so the measures are designed to maintain that aim.

For the next two weeks the following changes will take place in school: -

1. Staff will wear masks in all communal areas and numbers will be reduced in staffrooms
2. Larger gatherings such as assemblies will be held virtually in classrooms
3. Planned trips and activities will be risk assessed weekly - the Year 5 trip to Winchester next week will be postponed and a further date planned later in the year.
4. Christmas activities will be limited to in school only and will be shared on-line with parents.
5. All parents to wear masks on the school grounds please - all other arrangements at drop-off and pick up remain the same.
6. Visitors to school will be limited to essential only, or those that are risk assessed to be as safe as can be.
7. Classrooms will be kept well ventilated - please ensure children are in full uniform - with vests/layers if feeling the cold.
8. Hand hygiene continues to be very important - please could you ensure children wash hands before leaving the house. The increased hand washing and gelling will be maintained in school.

Thank you for your help and support with these matters. Schools will be reviewed after a two-week period and we will be advised then about possible next steps.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs W Roberts
Head of Federation