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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope I find you all well.

I am writing to update you about cases of COVID and the approach the school is taking. Since writing to you on Monday we have had a further 10 cases distributed across the school. Apart from Years 4 and 5, no other class has hit our threshold to 'bubble' or put any other additional measures in place. We continue to carefully monitor the position in all our year groups and will inform specific year group parents if things change in their child's class.

As a school, we will have used our published contingency plan and DfE guidance to guide decision making. I am aware that there has been some criticism from parent WhatsApp groups that the school has not acted hard enough and put in additional measures to some classes. I can reassure you that our measures are proportionate and proactive and based on the numbers and tracking of infections dates etc. In addition, the need for 'normality' is really important to the education and wellbeing of our children, staff and parents. We will therefore endeavour to fulfil events that we have planned such as Family Worship or Discos as this gives the children and parents the opportunity to do things that have a positive impact on their wellbeing and schooling. If numbers change and we feel the need to postpone, then that is what we will do but we will also continue to plan and organise events as if they were going to happen.

I will continue, as I have done throughout the pandemic, to be transparent and update parents about the cases or measures in place. I will be led by the guidance, risk assessments and knowledge of what is happening in the school.

Thank you to all that continue to support us and a huge thank you to our Years 4 and 5 parents who have dropped off and collected early and for changing their plans.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

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Headteacher

