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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing because I know that a number of you are dealing with the impact of COVID and I sincerely hope that you and your families are not too unwell if that is the case.

Some of our schools are dealing with a spike in community outbreaks of COVID which is affecting some year groups. This is now happening alongside other "normal" autumn/winter ailments. I imagine this is as frustrating for you as it is for us and so we want to try and ensure that learning is disrupted as little as possible.

Headteachers are considering a range of advice available and are making decisions about what, if any, measures they will adopt to help manage the situation (eg: return of the use of face-coverings more widely, the pausing of certain activities). They will contact you about the details for your child's school. Please can I ask you to support their efforts in everyone's interests.

I also wanted to clarify one other point regarding the impact of illness this term. As during lockdowns over the last year or so, where colleagues are isolating but are otherwise well, they will provide remote learning for their classes. Where colleagues are unwell, however, we want them to focus on getting better and back to school as soon as is reasonably possible. In those cases, remote learning may take the form of more independent work (reading, revision etc). Similarly, if your child is unwell, they must also concentrate on getting better and catch up as they normally would do on return to school from an illness. Please let the school know if they are unwell.

Unfortunately, we are now accustomed to managing COVID so I am confident the Headteachers and their colleagues will manage the situation excellently and will always put safety first.

Once again, thank you for supporting your child's school.

Yours faithfully

Miss M Davies
Chief Executive Officer