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Dear Parents/Carers

As you would expect, we are constantly monitoring the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 we have within the school at any one time, so that we are aware at the earliest opportunity if the number of cases meets a threshold set by the Government. When the threshold is met, we are required to consider whether temporary, additional COVID -19 control measures are required.

The threshold set by the Government is:

- Five children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period, OR
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period (in a primary school class of 30, this would be 3 children)

We are writing to all parents/carers to explain the additional, temporary measures we have put in place as more than 2 cases have been identified in a junior class and this meets the second threshold.

We know that you may find this concerning but it is recognised that education settings may meet the threshold from time to time and we are continuing to monitor the situation and work closely with Public Health England and our local Outbreak Management Hub.

The fact that you are receiving this letter does not mean that your child is a contact of case. If your child has been identified as a contact of a confirmed case, you will have received a separate letter advising you of this.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The measures that we have put in place for the junior class are:

- Pupils strongly advised to access daily LFD tests for 7 days
- Increased cleaning
- Increased ventilation
- Separate toilet cubicle
- Separate eating area in the hall
- Classroom staff to ensure social distancing from other adults

Additional to these measures, the pupils will not be mixing indoors with pupils from any other class in pupil support groups, after-school clubs and S4YC (these restrictions do not apply outside, where the virus is less transmissible).

All of these temporary, additional measures aim to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in school - a review will be carried out in consultation with the local Outbreak Management Hub next week to decide whether some or all of the additional measures can be removed. Scheduled reviews are in addition to the daily monitoring of case numbers in the school. If any further measures across the school are recommended, we will share the details with you as soon as possible (e.g. if other classes also reach the threshold). A summary of our responses to outbreaks is available online on the Coronavirus updates page.



Please also note the [summary of current guidance](#) distributed in a letter today - click [HERE](#) to access.

Thank you for your continued support and please rest assured that we will continue to monitor the situation carefully and to be guided by the advice of our Local Public Health Team.

We will keep you updated as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Rose', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Duncan Rose
Headteacher