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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the number of cases of Covid are increasing in some year groups across the school. We understand this may be worrying for some families, but we want to reassure you that we are continuing to implement our usual routines of handwashing/sanitising between sessions, good ventilation in classrooms and social distancing between staff, where appropriate, in order to continue to ensure all children can attend school safely.

We informed the Norfolk Outbreak Management Centre (NOMC) as per our contingency plan and NCC risk assessment and they have offered the following advice to help break the chain of transmission.

In class 5/6M, where the number of cases is particularly high, we sent a letter out yesterday to parents to explain that they would eat lunch in their classroom, have remote assemblies in their classroom and would stay in their class for maths rather than move to their set. **This will now be implemented in 5/6B and 5/6S as well.**

NOMC have also advised **that children in years 5 and 6 should take a daily Lateral Flow Device test before school on Monday 24th January** and for the following **four days** in order to identify asymptomatic cases or pupils who are just beginning to develop symptoms, as this would also help to break the chain of transmission. Staff members within these year groups will also be testing daily.

We also have a number of Covid cases in Reception and Year 3, but at the moment have been advised not to take any further action at the moment on top of our usual procedures.

However, if your child is experiencing symptoms of Covid **in any year group** then they should not attend school for at least 5 days. Government advice is that your child should take a LFD test to confirm whether they have Covid. Please let the office know if your child tests positive as soon as possible, along with the date of their day 1 of isolation, so we can help you identify when they can return to school following the updated government guidance.

We appreciate that the government guidance and that of the NOMC is regularly being reviewed and updated which can result in some confusion for parents at times. Please ring the office if you require any clarification.

Thank you for your support and for continuing to be extra vigilant regarding your own family's Covid safety measures.

Stay safe.

Kind regards

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