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Dear Parent / Guardian

As we settle into a new school year, I would like to thank you for your continued support. As you will know, many of the measures that were in place during the last school year, such as bubbles, are no longer operating in school for 2021. However, we are still working hard to keep our classrooms as COVID safe as possible, and we need your support to do this.

Firstly, should your child be showing any symptoms of Covid 19 can you please book them in for a PCR test and keep them at home until you receive your results. A reminder that Lateral Flow Tests should not be used on symptomatic children (or children under 11 in general) and a result from an LFT will not be accepted by school if your child has Covid 19 symptoms.

Although children no longer need to isolate if another member of their household tests positive, can I remind you that a person who has tested positive should not be leaving their house to bring their child to school. If you are in a situation where all adults in the house are positive and want to discuss options, then please contact us directly.

We will continue to encourage children to exercise good hand hygiene in schools and I would ask you to reaffirm this at home, it really is our best defence against not only COVID but the other winter viruses that are circulating at this time.

Rates of Covid 19 in Doncaster are currently high and above the England average. We are continuing to work closely with Doncaster Council and the Public Health team locally, should rates locally start to rise to a worrying level or should the school experience an outbreak we will be taking advice from Doncaster Public Health colleagues on the best way to manage this.

Once again, we are facing a strange start to the school year, but we believe that if we work together, we can make sure that the children are safe, happy and productive during this academic year.

Thanks for your support

Yours sincerely

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