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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government guidance, we have reviewed our school's infection control procedure and considered how we continue to keep the school community as safe as possible.

Our guiding principles to ensure a safe routine are as follows:

- Keeping health, safety, and wellbeing at the core of our work.
- Carefully reviewing Government guidance and going beyond the minimum expectations in order to minimize the risks to our school community.
- Regularly reviewing our arrangements and being open to change where necessary.

Key actions that we are taking to minimize the risk posed by COVID-19 include:

- Focusing on personal hygiene (e.g., hand washing, Catch It, Kill It, Bin It).
- Keeping children within their year groups wherever possible.
- Regular cleaning of classrooms and shared spaces.
- Reduction of movement around the school through operating a one-way system.
- Increasing natural ventilation throughout the school.

When to self-isolate

In order to keep everyone safe at school, please be aware of the Government's Stay at Home guidelines regarding self-isolation.

- Do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, arrange a PCR test and contact the school office.
- Do not send your child to school if they have tested positive for COVID-19, follow the government test and trace advice, and contact the school office.
- If your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you can continue to send your child to school. We advise you to arrange a PCR test and continue to monitor your child for symptoms.
- Anyone who develops symptoms in school, however mild, will be sent home with a member of their household. Avoid using public transport and arrange a PCR test.

Kind regards,

Debbie Brown.