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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you all know we have had a bit of a trickier few days in school with a number of people testing positive for Covid-19. Thank you to all of you who are supporting your children so brilliantly with online learning and an even bigger thank you to those of you who are helping with getting other people's children to and from school.

In light of the fact that we have had cases and have had to close a number of bubbles we have reviewed our risk assessment and I thought it would be useful to share the key changes with you.

- All staff will wear face covering unless they are in their classroom or eating/drinking in the staff room
- Timetables have been changed to ensure that all staff are only working in one bubble
- Forest school will be changed so that only one class goes out at a time rather than a whole year group
- The playground will be zoned and although phases will continue to go out together each class will need to stay in their own zone
- The play equipment has been cordoned off and should not be used by anyone
- There should be no conversations with parents on the playground unless initiated by the teacher/teaching assistant and lasting no more than a minute. If you need to talk to your teacher then please send an email and they will contact you as soon as they are able.

The people who have tested positive have not had the 'common' symptoms – they have had a runny nose, a head cold, felt very tired and then lost their sense of taste and smell.

I also want to remind you all that if you are within 1 metre of someone for over a minute then you become a contact – a minute and one metre is quite a large distance and a minute is hardly any time!

This is a difficult time for all of us and I understand the worry that you must be feeling – thank you for your continued support – it is very much appreciated.

Yours,

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