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Dear Parent/Carer,

Another week, yet another letter about Covid - I am sure that you will be as pleased as me when I no longer have to send out 'Covid letters'. I just wanted to make you aware of the situation in school. Today we are 4 teachers and 4 teaching assistants down and 40 children are off with Covid. So far, this term 12 adults and 64 children have tested positive.

Public health are no longer advising schools to close and the decision is now based on whether the school can manage staffing and whether the children would get a better education from a temporary move to online learning. As you can imagine, the teachers and teaching assistants have done an amazing job of moving to a different class/phase so that we can keep face-to-face teaching in place. We have also been able to source supply staff. Unfortunately, supply staff are increasingly hard to come by and it is getting trickier for us to move people around to cover classes. We will do everything that we can to keep going but it might be that we have to take the decision to close a class if levels of Covid in school continue to rise.

The Covid guidance has changed again - if you have tested positive, you can end self-isolation after 5 full days. Day 1 of your self-isolation is the day after your symptoms started, or the day after you had the positive test if you did not have symptoms. You can end self-isolation after this time provided you get negative lateral flow tests on day 5 and day 6 and you do not have a high temperature. If either test is positive, you need to self-isolate until you get two negative lateral flow tests a day apart, or you have completed 10 full days of self-isolation.

I am sure that things will quieten down in a week or so and that the wave will pass! In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your continued patience and support.

Take care,

Tina Clarke

