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17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

**Covid-19 Update 17.01.22**

I write with further information regarding the number of identified cases of Covid-19 within our school community.

Since the last letter to you on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January, a further twenty four children and one adult have tested positive.

I have spoken again to our Area Education Officer this morning who confirms I need take no further action and that all classes and the school can remain open.

With new cases identified in all classes in the last three days all children in every class should now be undertaking daily lateral flow tests – these should be taken for seven days following contact with a known positive case. As new cases emerge the daily testing regime needs to be extended accordingly. Please do all that you are able to keep a good supply of LFTs at home so that you have them readily available for when needed.

Government guidance has changed over time and it is expected that children attend school unless they themselves have Covid-19 or symptoms of. I am afraid that I cannot authorise the absence of children who have, for example, a sibling who has tested positive.

In the meantime we will continue with the measures we have in place – good hand and respiratory hygiene as well as ventilation. Classes of children are being kept apart inside the building and extra-curricular clubs for this week are cancelled; I will write to you later in the week about next week's clubs.

We will continue to keep you well informed about the prevalence of cases at school. Please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding with these matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Comfort', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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