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Dear Parents/guardians,

Covid contingency plan

We are writing to inform you that the school now has enough COVID-19 cases in Thames Class to implement our contingency action plan. As you will already know, we have strongly advised that all children in Thames Class are booked in for a PCR test as a close contact. There is no requirement for the children to self-isolate while they wait for results and can come to school as normal, unless they start to display symptoms (please see my previous warn and inform letter for more details and information).

Students who are under the age of 18 years and 6 months or older students who are fully vaccinated can still attend the educational setting if identified as a close contact. They are recommended to get a PCR test* if 5 years and older (for household contacts there is no lower age restriction), avoid anyone who is extremely clinically vulnerable for the time they would have isolated.

*They should not arrange to have a PCR test if they have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19. It is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

UKHSA now advises that pupils who are identified as close or household contacts undertake daily LFD testing while awaiting the results of a PCR test. For primary school children this is at the parents' discretion but has successfully been used to identify asymptomatic cases. We would prefer that all children are LFD tested daily for at least the next week.

As per our contingency plan, we have now put several further measures in place to minimise any further spread at school.

- The children and adults working in Thames Class will be kept separate from the rest of the school during the day, including using separate toilets.
- To further promote social distancing and reduce crowding, Thames Class will not attend whole school events, such as assemblies and singing, attending virtually where possible.
- They will be eating their lunches in their classroom and will be having separate play times from the rest of the school.
- We also ask that Thames Class do not attend breakfast club, or any after school clubs where they may mix with children in other classes for the next two weeks.
- Thames classroom and breakout area will also be deep cleaned, with particular focus on any 'touch points'.
- Staggered entrance and exits: From tomorrow (17th November) Thames Class will be allowed to enter through the children's door at 8.55, once Isis have entered and cleared the corridor. They will need to line up out of the way of other children and adults dropping off. They will be released after Isis have gone, at 3.20pm.
- To ensure minimal gathering for the next two weeks, please could I ask you to leave the school as soon as you have your children.

- Visitors to school will be asked to LFD test before coming and to wear a mask on school grounds and in the buildings.

These are in addition to our baseline measures of ensuring good ventilation in the classroom by keeping the windows open (they may need to wear an extra layer or two under their school uniforms), reminders about good hand hygiene through regular washing and sanitising, and remembering not to get too close to others in the classroom should reduce transmission.

As soon as we have had ten clear days of new cases, we will be able to return to 'normal' arrangements. I thank you for your support in this matter and hope that we can get back to 'normal' soon!

Yours sincerely

Claire Thomas
Headteacher