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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, we have had a difficult few weeks of managing positive cases of COVID-19 within the school community. At the time of writing, we have had positive cases associated with our Year 6 Groups and Year 1 group. Both groups are now isolating.

Please be assured we are working very hard each day to implement control measures to limit the spread of the virus within school. We are also receiving daily support from the Public Health Protection team who help us to make decisions. It is absolutely vital that we take swift and decisive action in the event of a reported positive case to try to limit the spread of the virus.

As we are in the final two weeks of the term, the risk of further positive cases in school remains, as it does everywhere. We will continue to stringently implement control measures in school. Thank you for your support in this by adhering to our school guidance and the national tier restrictions currently in place.

I am aware that families will be concerned about the risk of isolating over the Christmas period due to a contact in school. We are all in the same position on this, including staff, however, if you choose to remove children from school to reduce the risk of a positive contact, current Government guidance states that this absence would have to be recorded as unauthorised due to attendance being mandatory. Also, we cannot provide home-learning to those choosing to remove children for this reason.

[Government Guidance for parents/carers](#) (link)

Please also remember that if any member of your household displays symptoms and is going for a test, all household members should isolate until the result is known.

Thank you for all of your support through what has been an immensely challenging term for all involved.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr C J Steele
Headteacher

