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FOREFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and children in Year 6,

As you will be aware, although government guidance for schools has changed (the guidance is contained in a leaflet on our website) there are still a number of covid cases in Crosby. The infants, ourselves and Chesterfield have all recorded positive cases and of course many of our families are connected.

Of the three schools, the juniors has the lowest number of cases.

Having spoken to both Mrs Haney and Mr Sexton we felt that it would be sensible to consider the restrictions that those schools have been advised to follow, in an effort to prevent our numbers growing further.

Currently we have five positive cases within a year group – whilst this does not meet the criteria for introducing restrictions, we felt it was prudent to temporarily restrict the year group from gathering in assemblies, lessons or playtimes – but remaining within their own class.

The situation is ever-changing and it may be the case that we have to respond to that change before we are able to inform parents. However, if we receive advice from Public Health England we will communicate this to parents via the usual channels.

The responsibility to identify and contact 'close contacts' has been taken away from schools. NHS Test & Trace have been given that responsibility.

It is always advisable that you take a PCR test if you are concerned that you may have been in contact with a positive case and then follow government guidance.

This is still very new to us and having spoken to governors last night (many of whom are parents) they appreciated that the decisions we have taken, and will continue to take, are in the best interests of the children.

Many thanks,

P A Swift Headteacher