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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have been notified of a PCR confirmed case of COVID-19 within Cedar class.

As with positive cases in other settings, and in line with national guidance, NHS Test and Trace will work with the individuals who have tested positive to identify close contacts.

Given the nature of how our classes are working presently, for example activities such as Christmas singing rehearsals, it is very difficult for us to be sure we have contacted all close contacts within school. However, we have contacted the parents of children that we are confident have been in close contact with the positive case. If you have not been notified that your child is a close contact, but you would like your child to have a PCR test because of potential close contact within Cedar class, we will fully support this endeavour. Please ensure you alert us if you are choosing to take your child for a PCR test.

If a pupil is part of a household with a positive Covid case, it is necessary for us to ensure our pupils and staff members are not put at unnecessary risk and so we require all parents to alert us in these circumstances. I am sure we can all agree that it is important for us to know this information in order that we can ensure necessary steps are taken in school to protect our vulnerable and unvaccinated pupils and staff.

If your child is advised to take a test by NHS, we would strongly encourage that they do so as this will help prevent further transmission. A PCR test can be booked by visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by phoning 119.

Should your child develop symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste), please follow the <u>stay at home guidance</u> and let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you once again for all you are doing to keep our school safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Harrison Headteacher







