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Dear Parents/Carers

Wow what a roller coaster of a week. It was absolutely fantastic to welcome all the children back to school this week, almost everyone was able to attend and it was a joy to see the children. We have really missed them. It was also amazing to see all their work and creations from homelearning – please send it in if you have any at home, it is so very important we celebrate the children's achievements.

However our joy was short-lived as we had two positive cases in school and Reception and Year 5/6 had to close and self-isolate until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Whilst devastating for all concerned we have followed Public Health guidance. We never act on a whim and all our procedures and risk assessments come from national and local guidance. I understand and share your frustrations and worries, so please be patient with us. We do not make the rules.

This is a reminder that COVID-19 is still very prevalent in the community and I urge you to keep following the national guidelines. Please do not be offended if challenged on 'sleep overs' and gatherings; we are working very hard to keep everyone safe and in school. I look forward as always to your support.

Feedback received over lock down has been extremely positive and as a school we welcome your opinions as parents, carers and the first educators of your children. I am always available for a chat, I am often outside, and although we may not always agree, I am always happy to discuss the rationale behind decisions and procedures.

I was praying and hoping our bad luck was behind us and that a smooth run to Easter would result in us being able to lift some of our restrictions and procedures. However the events this week have somewhat tempered my expectations but please be assured we are constantly evaluating everything we are doing.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in all we do.

Best wishes

Mark Mountcastle

