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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that there have been two positive Lateral Flow Tests in Kestrels, we are currently awaiting confirmation by PCR. Although these cases have yet to be confirmed we are adding extra precautions in our approach while we monitor the situation. We are keen to try and keep everyone safe and well so you can enjoy a wonderful Christmas.

Mixing Classes

The children have really enjoyed being with their friends from other classes but for the time being we will go back to being in our classes when sitting in the hall for lunch with spaces between classes. Kestrels will eat in their classroom for the rest of this week. When playing outside the children will be playing in their designated zones in their classes.

Christmas Arrangements

Nativity

Due to the suspected cases in school, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone our Nativity till our return in January. We hope that by then all children will be in school and able to act out their parts they have worked hard to learn. It will give us something to look forward to on our return and we may even be able to perform it live in the Church!

Carol Concert

This will be held virtually from our classrooms. We will record it on Zoom and upload it on to Google classroom for you to watch.

Christmas Fair

Currently this will still go ahead, as it is outside and we are able to wear masks and distance accordingly. We will update you if there are any changes.

Cleaning

As before, we will be implementing additional cleaning in classrooms, of shared resources and all touch points in the school. Children will continue to wash and sanitiser their hands regularly to promote good hand hygiene.

Clubs.

All club will cease to run from today for the rest of this term.

Testing.

Staff continue to test twice weekly and where exposure to a case has happened, staff will test more frequently.

Symptoms.

If your child develops any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Then please follow the following government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Guidelines around the new variant, PCRs and Isolation periods have also been updated : <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

As pre-mentioned we are happy to provide work online for those children who test positive but are well enough to work.

I understand many of you may question sending your children to school but it is incredibly important that children continue to attend. They have already missed so much at the hand of this pandemic, we do not want them to miss any more of their education due to this virus.

Please remember that our staff are working hard to provide children with the very best education they can, in a set of very difficult circumstances. I understand that many of you are frustrated by the constant changes and government guidelines but I ask that you treat our members of staff with respect and kindness, while they continue to navigate these difficult waters.

It is a worrying time for us all but by working together we can continue to give your children the best education possible while balancing it with keeping them as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Godbold', written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Godbold.
Executive Head Teacher