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RE: Covid-19 Warn and Inform

Dear Parents and Carers,

While we have seen very low numbers of Covid-19 amongst our school community this autumn term, as of yesterday, our numbers increased slightly. This triggered a call to Public Health England. This call was to notify PHE of our numbers, and the specifics of these cases that we are aware of, including the date of the onset of symptoms, and symptoms that we have been informed of. This has placed us on a 'green level' threshold at this time, which involves communicating information with you directly from PHE.

While the information I have received to date is more than likely nothing that you do not already know, i.e. what to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, and how to stop Covid-19 spreading, it does not yet reflect the new restrictions regarding the Omicron variant. As such, it is not fully accurate. I will forward the generic information once I have received the updated documentation from PHE.

We are not required to re-introduce 'bubbles' at a 'green level', but we will continue to closely monitor Covid amongst our community – children and staff – and will be guided by PHE as to whether this measure would be a recommendation should cases rise. We sincerely hope not!

We continue to reinforce hygiene measures with the children; ensure enhanced cleaning; promote twice weekly LFT and promote vaccination uptake for our wider staff team; and while the weather has turned, keep doors and windows open as much as is comfortably possible.

This is obviously an evolving situation. We keep everything crossed that our local situation evolves in the right direction, and thank you for your continued support and understanding while we are working through this situation.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Purcell

Headteacher