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Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

The number of Covid cases in the Fylde area seems to be rising and we have now had a small number of positive cases in school. Currently, we have confirmed cases in Whales, Turtles, Years 3, 4 and 5 although Whales and Turtles have only had a single case. There are children who are currently absent from school awaiting test results so it is possible we will see more confirmed cases over the next few days.

Schools submit information about positive cases to the local authority on a daily basis and I have spoken regularly with Lancashire Public Health to ensure all appropriate measures are taken. Testing is key in the fight against this virus and you will see the new, wider testing recommendations below.

In School:

- Staff have been asked to socially distance from each other in meetings and in areas which become congested.
- Staff are testing twice a week and they are testing more if they work in a class with positive cases.
- Classes will still be allowed to mix outside at lunchtimes and playtimes as the risk of the virus spreading is much lower in the fresh air.
- Windows and doors are kept open as much as possible to ensure maximum ventilation.
- Good hand and respiratory hygiene is encouraged.
- Enhanced cleaning regimes are maintained.

At home:

- Anyone with any symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, temperature, change in sense of taste or smell) must not attend school and should take a PCR test as soon as possible. The isolation period for someone with symptoms, or a positive PCR test is 10 days.
- If your child feels generally unwell or has other symptoms to those listed above, including an upset stomach, we would still strongly recommend you keep them at home and arrange for them to have a PCR test, as some children who have tested positive did not have the 'classic' symptoms.
- If your child is a close contact of a positive case (at home or in school) they do not have to isolate **but** it is highly recommended that they are tested.

I am very thankful indeed for your cooperation and for the vigilance that you are demonstrating.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher