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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 Update

I am writing to you all to inform you that we now have met the threshold for an outbreak of Covid-19 in school. Lancashire County Council have confirmed that the measures we have put in place to date have been appropriate to maintain the safety of our school community.

I now write to you to inform you of additional measures we will be taking from tomorrow to enhance our precautions:

Years 5 and 6 will now arrive at school at 8.40am and make their way straight into their classroom. The collection time for them will be 3.20pm and they will be in a separate bubble during the school day with separate break times and will not mix with other year groups on a temporary basis. Swimming will be cancelled for the next two weeks.

All children in Years 5 and 6 should get a PCR test to ensure they are not asymptomatic carriers of Covid-19.

All other children will arrive at school at the normal time of 8.50am and will depart at 3.30pm. These children also will not be mixing with other key bubbles and will have separate break and lunch times. Collective worship will take place via zoom on a temporary basis.

We would ask that parents wear masks when collecting children on the playground and remain socially distanced as we attempt to break the chains of transmission.

We would ask you to keep children at home if they are at all unwell and obtain a PCR test if you are at all in doubt about the health of your child.

The flu vaccinations due to take place today have been postponed until 2nd November. We will cancel all enrichment clubs with immediate notice to reduce the movement of children around school. We have also taken the difficult decision to postpone Parents Evening which should have been next week to prevent unnecessary contact at this time. We will set new dates for this after half term.

With continued thanks for your support.

Rebecca Fowler

Headteacher

