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Dear Drayton Families,

As some of you will be aware, cases of Covid-19 in school are rising sharply amongst staff and children. We have written to classes where cases have reached the threshold set out in our Contingency Plan (3 or more in one class in a 10 day period).

While we recognise the Government's move to 'learning to live with Covid' and the changes to guidance, as per our previous letter, guidance in school regarding isolation remains. Please could I remind you that children should remain off school if they present with any of the common Covid-19 symptoms and arrange for a PCR test where available. Children who test positive on a PCR or LFD test should remain off school until at least day 5, day 0 being the day symptoms started/positive result confirmed. At times an LFD may only show a faint line. This is still a positive result and should be treated in the same way. An LFD test can then be taken from day 5 and children can return once 2 consecutive negative results have been achieved (spread over two days) or once they reach day 10. These measures are in place for the remainder of the term and will be reviewed at Easter.

We are currently experiencing critical levels of staffing in school, particularly in Reception where we have a number of staff who have tested positive. While we are trying to keep things as consistent as possible and all classes open, this may not be possible if further staff contract the virus this week. Please help us keep classes open to your children by ensuring you are vigilant to symptoms and keeping children off school if they are unwell.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding in what remain challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

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