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Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately I do need to advise you that we have an increasing number of cases of COVID-19 in school. The cases, in Year 3 in particular, have reached the point where we have declared an 'outbreak' and need to instigate additional measures for affected classes, such as limiting interaction with other classes and eating in their classroom bubble. We are certainly not alone and cases across St Albans' schools and all Hertfordshire schools are also high.

However, we do need to ask for your continued support so we can work together to keep everyone as safe as possible. We ask that parents (and children if possible) are carrying out regular twice weekly lateral flow tests. For those classes where the case numbers are higher, we ask for daily tests if possible. We also ask that you keep your children at home if they are unwell. Lots of the recent cases have started with stomach aches and sickness.

Attached is a separate document for you showing how the current isolation guidelines work, which I hope you will find useful. The day of a positive lateral flow test counts as day 0.

Despite the rising case numbers school life remains as busy as ever. Our football team recently played (and won) against Colney Heath Primary School and the children in Reception are enjoying their new Thursday afternoon Forest School sessions.

Eleven children from Years 5 and 6 have today become our new librarians and they will now start planning an assembly for the school to let everyone know about their role and the support they can offer other children. Another group of children from Years 5 and 6 have also applied to become Peer Mediators and they will start their training in the next week or so. The Peer Mediators will then be on duty at lunchtimes to support younger children in being able to resolve their own friendship issues and to lead some fun lunchtime activities.

I have also attached an update from the PA and details of all the events they have planned for the months ahead. We are really grateful for the work they do to organise events and for the additional funds this raises for the school.

I hope you all have a good weekend,
With best wishes

Sharon Barton
Head Teacher