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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Measures in response to rising Covid-19 cases

We have been informed by Middlesbrough LA and local Public Health Teams that Covid case rates are rising again at concerning levels. In response, it is recommended that additional measures are put in place in schools to prevent transmission.

Public Health have informed us that they are seeing multiple cases of Covid among people living in the same household showing how easy the infection can spread to other family members. They are encouraging anyone identified as a close contact to undertake a PCR test, if the test is negative to then, if appropriate to the age of the child, carry out daily lateral flow testing for 7 days, to ensure test results continue to be negative. Children can continue to attend school unless they have any Covid symptoms, a high temperature, a new and continuous cough, a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.

Our priority is that children can remain in education and learn alongside their friends. The measures that we have put in place to date include:

- Following all NHS guidance followed regarding any person displaying Covid symptoms
- Keeping classroom and communal spaces well ventilated, with CO2 monitors in place to monitor air quality.
- Ensuring additional cleaning throughout the day in high traffic areas.
- Making lateral flow testing available to all staff.

We will continue to offer the planned experiences for children this term, including trips and visits. However, to ensure safety for all, we have taken the decision to not have any face to face parents events within the academy e.g. open afternoons, performances etc. We will ensure the planned events go ahead, however where it is appropriate we will record these and make them available to parents through the academy social media.

We will continue to monitor the situation, but please be assured that the children will not miss out on any educational opportunities, where at all possible. Our planned pantomime, which is to be held in school, will go ahead and the children will still take part in the usual Christmas festivities. Any Christmas performances and Nativities will still go-ahead, but we will take photos and videos and share them with you over our social media platforms for this season.

A Newsletter will follow with all the key dates leading up to Christmas

Kind regards
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