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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 Update

I wanted to update you about the current outbreak of COVID-19 in school. We now have a significant number of staff and students who have tested positive, and this mirrors the very high case numbers in Carlisle just now. The high staff absence rate due to this outbreak has meant that we have an increase in the number of supply teachers in school (when we are able to find extra staff) and that we have had to move to online learning for some year groups for short periods. We are very sorry for this ongoing disruption to learning and are doing all we can to keep the school day as normal as possible.

As you know, Public Health have recommended the wearing of face masks in school and we hope that this helps to slow transmission. We have spoken to students about the importance of wearing their masks properly and the reasons for this, particularly to avoid any further disruption to learning and to ensure that students with exams starting in May have as many of their regular teachers teaching them as possible. We are finding that a much higher number of students are forgetting masks daily and, whilst we have a supply of spares, we may run out of the stock we have. These are obviously disposable products, and we would like to try to limit the environmental impact of mask wearing by encouraging more students to bring a fabric, reusable face covering each day.

Testing continues to be recommended by Public Health as a way to reduce transmission. Please support this aim, and therefore further disruption, by encouraging your child to test twice a week. If your child has symptoms, however, they should get a PCR test instead.

Unfortunately, due to this outbreak, we have had to postpone the fundraising events in aid of the crisis in Ukraine until Friday 1st April so students should come to school this Friday in normal uniform. We are hopeful that we can go ahead with all that had been planned on the final day of this term.

I hope that this latest outbreak is not affecting families too badly and that we return to normality soon.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin
Headteacher