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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing this afternoon to inform you of multiple cases of Covid across our school; what follows is a standardised letter, but before we get to that, some information that will prove helpful to you:

1. We are continuing with the cleaning and hand hygiene that we've had in place for the past two years as well as ensuring rooms are ventilated.
2. If your child has symptoms of Covid and you're waiting for a PCR, please keep the child at home until a negative result is recorded.
3. Notify the office of the child's reason for absence as you would normally do and if they're isolating or waiting a PCR test, we'll then provide work for them to complete.
4. Please continue to wear masks on drop off and pick up times – if you're exempt, please ensure we know about that.
5. Our response to Covid continues to be based in the need for transparency with each family and your openness with us. If you suspect your child either has Covid or you've had a positive PCR test returned, please follow the guidance below.
6. We'll continue to endeavour to run the school as normally as we can, which will hopefully include the Celebration Assemblies as from Friday 14th January. If attending these, or in fact any meeting or visit to school, please complete an LfT prior to coming in and only attend if the result is negative. If you have symptoms, please do not come onto site.

Thankyou – what follows is the standardised letter.

We are writing to inform you that we have COVID-19 cases in Years R,1,2,3,4 and 6.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

The setting remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All students and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. All parents are advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic LFD COVID-19 testing of those aged 11 and above in the household.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

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If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119 and **remain at home at least until the result is known**. If the test is positive, follow the self-isolation guidance from NHS Test and Trace and inform the **school/nursery** of the result.

More information on symptoms is available: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19): [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread:](#)

- Get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over are eligible – see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) for more details and how to book.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- Open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- Wear a face covering when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- Participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

Yours sincerely

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