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Dear families,

I write to you this afternoon to ensure that our community are clear on the rules surrounding Coronavirus. There have been a number of breaches of these rules brought to our attention this week and breaches have also occurred prior to this week. Thank you to the people who have reported these incidents to us.

The new COVID-19 variant (known as Delta) spreads more easily than the other variants that were previously most common. To help stop the spread, you should:

- [Get both doses of the vaccine](#) when you are offered it, and encourage others to do so as well
- Participate in surge testing in your local area, whether you are vaccinated or not
- [Self-isolate](#) immediately if you have any [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) or if you've tested [positive](#) for COVID-19

You should also take particular caution when meeting anyone outside your household or support bubble. Wherever possible, you should try to:

- Meet outside rather than inside where possible
- Keep 2 metres apart from people that you do not live with (unless you have formed a support bubble with them), this includes friends and family you don't live with
- Minimise travel in and out of affected areas

You should also:

- [Get tested twice a week for free](#) and isolate if you are positive
- Continue to work from home if you can
- Refer to local health advice for your area (linked above)

You should get tested for COVID-19. This includes:

- [Arranging to have a PCR test](#) if you have symptoms of COVID-19
- [Getting regular rapid lateral flow tests](#) if you do not have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Arranging a testing or managed quarantine package if you plan to travel overseas. [See further details](#)

You should self-isolate immediately if you have [symptoms](#) or a [positive test result for COVID-19](#). There is [financial support if you're off work because of coronavirus](#).

To be clear on the government information above, if you or **anyone** in your household develops symptoms, you **all** need to self-isolate immediately. The symptomatic person **must** get a PCR test and the other members of the household/ support bubble should also get a PCR test as we are in an enhanced area where the delta variant is growing.

If you are identified as a close contact of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19, you **must** self-isolate by law for the 10 days after you were last in contact with them. Although PCR testing is being encouraged, it does not release you from isolation.

Isolation means not leaving the house for any reason other than to get a test.

I know that these restrictions are difficult, but they are the law presently and school has no bearing on that. We want to keep children in school as their learning has already been interrupted a number of times by this awful virus. We also do not want to be having difficult conversations with parents, we would rather be contacting you to celebrate your child's successes.

Many thanks to all of our families for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Louise Roberts
Headteacher