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COVID UPDATE: ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, here is the update on our COVID cases in response to guidance from Public Health England received today now PCR tests for cases have been confirmed positive, this includes the case within year 3.

Firstly, there is one root of transmission within our setting. The exposure period has happened, and has now been removed from our school.

Children who have been exposed are considered a contact and must **self-isolate**, at home. Please now do everything you can (this is a team effort) to stop the transmission within the community by:

- Keeping your children at home. If it is necessary for you to come to the site you MUST socially distance, wear masks and keep your children by your side.

SELF ISOLATION TIME

The timings for self-isolation have been updated due to the most recent confirmed case within the staff team. The times for self-isolation are as follows:

- o **RECEPTION CHILDREN** – Your children must self-isolate up to and including **Saturday 3rd July**.
- o **YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 CHILDREN** – Your children must self-isolate up to and including **Saturday 3rd July**.
- o **Some YEAR 1 children have also been asked to self-isolate** – up to and including **Friday 2nd July**

ALL CHILDREN CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 5TH JULY

Some Year 3 and Year 4 children who were not in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will not need to self-isolate at all. These parents will be contacted and they will be able to make a choice whether to attend school onsite or complete home learning with the rest of their class.

We give you this information on advice, and after consultation with Public Health England today. We do not make these decisions in school. To confirm, Public Health England have instructed us to share this today.

Public Health England, expect us to receive more positive cases from the root of transmission, but were very quick to say, this does not constitute an outbreak within our school. However, we will keep in constant contact with PHE, and the parent community to provide any additional and necessary updates.

In light of the evolving situation, the school's risk assessment has been reviewed and the following changes will be made as of Monday.

- Outside play spaces have been allocated to bubble cohorts, which we can accommodate in the dry weather, but cannot accommodate when the field is wet.
- Lunches will resume in classrooms for Key Stage 2.
- Mask wearing on our site must be adhered to by parents, unless exempt.

Now the transmission period has closed within school, it is imperative the rules continue to be followed at home. Public Health England suggest, keeping children deemed as a contact separate from siblings where possible i.e. bath time, tea time, minimising contact with other people within the community.

Finally, and most importantly, on behalf of Raysfield community, to those who have contracted COVID we wish you all a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming you all back to school.

Very best wishes

Mrs Claire Hill and Team Raysfield