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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The school has been informed by Public Health England (PHE) and Nottinghamshire County Council that a previous coronavirus (COVID-19) case has been identified in our school that is related to a variant of concern first identified in India.

All contacts of the case were identified at the time of the positive test result and have all completed the isolation period, so are no longer at any risk of developing COVID-19 as a result of this exposure and do not need to further isolate.

The risk of ongoing transmission in this class is believed to be low. However, as a precautionary measure, PHE and Nottinghamshire County Council would like to identify if there has been any asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 by asking the children in the school and their staff to take a COVID-19 PCR test on **24th May 2021**.

I understand you might be concerned about this - there has been a small number of cases of this variant identified across the UK, so, whilst not uncommon, we are very keen to identify all cases if possible. Therefore, it is very important for everyone in the school to take part in the voluntary testing to stop any onward spread.

Tests used will be PCR tests which involve taking a swab from the back of your child's throat and their nose. Tests are not painful but they can be temporarily uncomfortable. By using PCR testing, positive results can be sent for genomic sequencing at specialist laboratories, helping us to identify variant of concern cases and their spread.

If anyone in your household tests positive and needs help (financial, food or medicine) to self-isolate for 10 days, support is available from your local Council.

Please be assured we are following the national guidance about reducing the spread of infection and will continue to work closely with Nottinghamshire County Council and PHE as required.

Thank you for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alison Brown
Head Teacher