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Dear Parent/Carers,

We thank you for your continued support through this difficult time. As you will know we have had a number of positive tests within school which has made management difficult. The staff have been excellent and are willing to step in and do extra hours when required. We are fortunate to have them.

I do understand the frustrations that you may have when needing to rearrange childcare if your child is required to isolate and also the uncertainty of not knowing if your child's class may need to isolate in the future. We do contact you as soon as we know and it is clear that isolation is the way forward.

For those classes that isolate, we continue to provide home learning and a number of staff who are still within school are supporting those teachers who are unwell. This may mean that some work may be marked by other teachers.

The rise in cases is concerning and we do take all our advice from the Local Authority who have a wider perspective on what is happening across the East Riding. We are looking for patterns to see if there are any reasons for this spike but all the cases at present are very different and in separate areas of the school.

We continue to clean the school and distance the children and staff.

**Cleaning**

This is carried out during the day and in the evening. We have an extra caretaker now to aid with the cleaning and they have checklists to follow. Cleaning is also undertaken by lunchtime staff, class teachers and teaching assistants.

The cleaning that occurs includes:

- wiping down classes between break and lunchtimes.
- toilets cleaned twice a day.
- all communal areas wiped including, doorknobs, handrails etc. throughout the day.
- all the tables are cleaned before and after each sitting at lunchtime.
- hand washing and hand sanitiser being used by the classes when they enter the class during the day, and before lunch.

**Distancing**

This has been made stricter with the introduction of class bubbles. We continue to have:

- staff staying within their bubble where possible.
- staff wearing face masks around school.
- classes having their own playtime and lunchtime zones.
- staff not being allowed to congregate in rooms and limiting the amount of people that can enter them. This includes the staff room.
- Staff using Microsoft Teams to communicate and have meetings.

As mentioned before, we will continue to take our guidance from the Local Authority about what we do as a school as we must discuss every case with them thoroughly. Until then, we continue to do the very best we can, with the understanding that we are in a very responsible position looking after your children and educating them to the best



of our ability whilst keeping everyone safe.

Keep Safe,

Mr Church