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Dear Parents

With the new restrictions imposed in England, I thought it was important to let you know how this might impact our school over the next 4 weeks.

We are already finding staffing our school more difficult due to isolation periods, normal illness, complications due to Covid and a difficulty in bringing in temporary staff. This is likely to continue through the winter and we will be doing everything we can to stay open. That is going to include our staff taking on extra responsibilities and more lessons being covered by leaders or support staff in school. Today, for instance, I will be teaching in Year 6 all day as we have six teachers unavailable. This may mean you don't always see your child's class teacher and may find it takes us longer to respond to requests.

At all times, we are prioritising staying open for our children and although staffing is tight today, we are in a better position than most schools to achieve this. Your continued support and understanding, at this time, would be very much appreciated.

Getting tested

If anyone in your household has a Coronavirus test, everyone in that household must isolate until you get a result. There have been several near misses where families have not followed this advice and that could have resulted in bubbles of children being sent home to isolate for 2 weeks or worse, the whole school closed due to an outbreak.

Timings of the school day.

We would like all children to arrive at school by 8:50am in the morning starting on Monday. The children can continue to arrive from 8:35am. There are very few children arriving after 8:50am and this is resulting in some classes starting teaching earlier and over time this could have an impact on the classes that have to wait for 1 or 2 children to arrive.

Regards

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