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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 Cases in Year 3

We have become aware of more than 5 confirmed COVID cases within St Mary and St Peter in the Year 3 class.

Children and education staff are no longer expected to automatically self-isolate and only significant close contacts and those contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.

What we have decided to do in school?

As a result of this increase in COVID and to reduce any further cases, we have decided to reintroduce the following **temporary** measures for the Year 3 class:

- Reintroduce a class bubble for Year 3 only. This will mean that they will not mix with other year groups for school dinners or playtimes. They will still be able to play as usual with each other.
- Limit clubs for Year 3 pupils but where keyworkers require this service, we will ensure pupils do not mix and that provision remains outside where possible.

We will review these measures weekly and remove the need for a class bubble when COVID cases reduce.

Please can all parents/carers be reminded to look out for the main symptoms of COVID, **no matter how mild** and follow up with a PCR:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you suspect your child is unwell or not their usual self, it would be a good idea for your child to take a precautionary rapid lateral flow test. These are available freely from many local pharmacies.

We all need to do a part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and I am grateful to our parents who are supporting us.

Kind regards

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