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Dear Parents and Carers,

As communicated in the school newsletter (26.11.21), we have seen a rise in the COVID case numbers within the school community. Although thresholds (outlined below) have not been met to require further action, we are reviewing measures in school to try and prevent further spread. Regrettably, we have moved assemblies back to being online and adults are wearing masks in communal area or if they need to move between classes. This is on top of measures already in place which focus on good ventilation in classes and the halls (we are now using CO2 monitors to check conditions are good) and continued regular hand washing.

Below is a reminder of the key information for informing school if there is a positive case in your household.

If your child tests positive on a lateral flow test or PCR test you must let us know by either emailing admin@littlestokeps.co.uk or phoning 01452 866522 and your child must isolate at home. If they have a positive lateral flow, they must have a PCR test and isolate.

The advice from Public Health has changed in response to the evolving situation therefore I wanted to provide some further clarity. One of the changes is that we will no longer inform you of single confirmed case of Covid-19. **Instead we will inform all parents when a government defined 'threshold' has been reached or if there is another reason that we need to communicate with all parents.** These letters will be written in conjunction with South Gloucestershire Public Health outbreak management team. At the point of writing, we will also be communicating to you any changes that we will be making within school to manage any potential transmission in line with our 'Outbreak Management Plan.'

A threshold is defined by the government as:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Please be reassured we are following advice from Public Health and using the government's new guidance to manage COVID within school. If we need you to take action, we will inform you.

Because of the new variant and rising cases we will also be taking advice from South Gloucestershire public health about whether Christmas productions will be able to go ahead. If we are not able to do a live performance, we will look at how we can provide a recorded version.

It is very disappointing to not be able to provide certainty but we hope you understand the need to protect the community against further transmission to protect vulnerably members of our community as well as enabling as normal a Christmas as possible.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Ross". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Daniel" on the top line and "Ross" on the bottom line.

Mr Dan Ross

(Headteacher)