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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to let you know of the latest development in schools in the fight against the spread of Coronavirus.

As you're probably aware, there is a real concern regarding the spread of the Coronavirus by asymptomatic people (those who have the virus but are showing no symptoms). Around 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus don't have symptoms, yet they are still infectious and can pass the virus on to others without realising. In identifying these people, the government recently introduced Lateral Flow COVID testing which provides a result (positive or negative) within 30 minutes.

As schools are seen as a critical front line service, not only in the education of children but allowing parents to go to work, Lateral Flow testing of school staff will commence next week. As such, it is possible that there may be an increase in the reporting of positive COVID cases. If a staff member(s) test positive for COVID 19, our current Bubble Closure procedures will be applied and we will notify parents as soon as we are made aware if a school bubble has to close.

The introduction of this testing will support our whole community, their wider families and the country as a whole and will help ensure that staff can continue to work safely without putting others at risk. I'm sure you'll agree that the introduction of this testing is another big step in controlling the spread of the virus.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Hunt'.

Mrs Jennifer Hunt