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Dear Parents/Carers

Unfortunately, last week we had a few members of the staff team test positive for Covid-19 whilst undertaking their twice weekly lateral flow tests. Alongside this we had a stomach bug affect members of staff as well. Over the weekend and during last week I have been in communication with the Norfolk Public Health team about the cases we have had. As a school we have followed the guidance that was issued from Norfolk Public Health. Due to their being some reports of people with Covid-19 experiencing sickness and diarrhea all staff who had been ill with a tummy bug have been and had a pcr test and will have received the results before they return to school.

The public health worker I have been speaking to has advised that if a child or staff member is ill with either sickness or diarrhea we should advise them to get a pcr test.

As a result of last week's cases we instructed the cleaning contractors to do a deeper clean of the touch points in school on Friday and have also re-introduced temporary limits on staff using shared spaces. This week staff will be asked to wear masks at drop off and pick up times and when in the corridors.

Unfortunately, the senior leadership team have had to make the difficult decision over the weekend to cancel this week's harvest festival. At this moment in time we cannot guarantee enough staff to safely walk the children to the church and we want to ensure that we are doing all that we can to protect the wider community. Tomorrow we will look at the possibility of holding this after half term or recording it.

We will not be having a celebration assembly this week but hope to be able to invite parents/carers back into school for this after half term.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you have further questions.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Disney