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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are probably aware, we have had a number of positive cases of COVID identified in our Year 6 class reported over the last ten days. Last week, on the 12th January, we implemented our Outbreak Management Plan when we reached five in one class as we felt that we needed to contain the spread of the virus. This meant that we returned to staggered lunchtimes, front facing desks, virtual assemblies and no mixing of the children and staff. This is working as although there are the odd number of cases in other classes, they are not high.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you as parents of Year Six children for the speedy response to our recommendation of conducting a lateral flow test with your child as this has helped to detect asymptomatic children early and enabled them to isolate until negative. We cannot thank you enough. So although the numbers are high, the risk of transmission due to timely testing has mitigated the risks.

We recognise that when your child needs to isolate, this impacts on you as parents as well as the children's education. In some cases, children have been asymptomatic when tested and then developed symptoms later in the isolation period.

Over the coming days, we are able to look at different approaches to learning:

Option 1: A blended approach with live sessions as delivered this time last year with Y6, when children in class and at home were taught simultaneously.

Option 2: A less structured provision of learning which involves work being posted on google classroom and teaching assistants being online throughout the day to support if needed. This will allow greater flexibility should your child be unwell or need a less structured approach to the day.

With this in mind, we wanted to communicate with you to ask for feedback as to whether you feel which option would be most appropriate for you and your child. For instance, if there are 10 children isolating but 7 are too ill to do school work, then option 2 would be the best action for us to take but if



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the majority are well, then option 1 would be our choice. Therefore, please could we ask that you complete this very short google form (<https://forms.gle/tqgzxTwprreKJtno8>) by the end of the day so we can make preparations for tomorrow?

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued and valued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



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