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Dear parent/carer,

Within the last seven days we have been notified of **thirteen** positive cases of COVID-19 within our school setting. Ten of these cases are within the last 48 hours and are in our Year Five cohort and include Mr Duckett. We will be communicating further with the rest of the school but felt it necessary to provide separate information to you as parents of children in Year 5.

As detailed in our Outbreak Management Plan, when we reached five cases (which was yesterday morning) Public Health England were contacted for advice. Since then you can see that we have had further positive cases confirmed.

We have been advised to ask those who have tested positive to isolate for ten days as per guidance and strongly recommend that all other children in Year Five have a PCR test as well as the members of their family. You may wish to take a Lateral Flow Test before sending your child to school tomorrow as they are all considered close contacts. As they fall within one of the exempt categories, the remaining children in Year 5, and their siblings, may currently still attend school. However, we do ask that you remain extra vigilant with regards to the symptoms of COVID. Should the number of cases escalate in Year Five, it could lead to the whole class working remotely.

In order to break the flow of transmission across the school, we have decided to implement our Outbreak Management Plan. This means that all classes will return to working, having playtimes and lunchtimes in their bubbles for at least the next two weeks to enable us to break the chain of transmission.

As you are aware, the Year 5 parental conferences are due to be held on Thursday 18th November. We have decided to postpone these until Wednesday 24th November and they will be virtual or by telephone rather than face to face. When we return to school tomorrow, we will look at the appointments and communicate with you further. We have rescheduled the Jodrell Bank session as we wanted all the children to have the full experience.

For those children who are isolating, we will upload some work onto Google Classroom if they are well enough to complete it. Mrs Wilkinson-Gamble will be online in the mornings to support and guide any



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children who need it. Children remaining in school will continue to receive face to face teaching. In order for us to keep the staff safe, staffing levels secure and to continue the provision of learning as well as ensure no further transmission of COVID occurs, we once again urge all parents to ensure their child has at least had a Lateral Flow Test.

Should your child test positive, please contact me directly via Newchurch_primary_head@sch.warrington.gov.uk

Thank you in anticipation of your continued and valued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

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