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Remote Learning as a result of rising Covid cases

Dear parent/ carer

Earlier this week I wrote to you and explained that the number of Covid-19 cases in school were rising in both staff and children. We issued the Public Health England advice letter which recommended children and parents remain vigilant and have a PCR test. Since then, positive cases have continued to rise. Today, we have less than 40% of children in school and staffing levels are low. After consulting and seeking advice from Public Health England, the Department for Education, the health Security Agency, Derbyshire County Council and Cavendish Learning Trust; we have taken the difficult decision to move to **remote learning from tomorrow until the end of term (Thursday 21st October)**. This will provide school with a circuit break and enable a deep clean throughout school.

Public Health England have advised parents to look out for the following symptoms as they are more commonly found in children who later test positive for Covid-19:

- Headaches
- Nausea/ sickness
- Runny nose/ cold like symptoms

Their advice is to book a PCR test for any child displaying any of these symptoms. All children in school have been in close contact with at least one positive case. It is advised that all children have a PCR test.

For children who are fit and well, they will be expected to complete learning set by their teacher via Class Dojo. Further information will be provided by class teachers tomorrow. We are aware that many children are ill either with Covid-19, a cold, sickness or Covid-19 symptoms – these children are not expected to complete home learning. Please keep us informed via the school office if your child becomes unwell and is unable to complete home learning.

Free school meal hampers will be prepared for families next week. For those isolating, we will deliver. School will continue to open for staff and we are here to support, help and answer questions.

Kind regards

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