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Dear Parents/Carers

We just wanted to remind you of the current guidance about COVID-19 as cases continue to rise again in Croydon. As you will be aware, government guidance has changed significantly since the summer term, however, as always the safety and care of our children, staff and school community is paramount and we are committed to minimising the impact of Covid-19 within our school community.

We realise that there will be members of our school community who test positive for COVID-19 over the coming weeks and months and the government guidance outlines key thresholds in terms of numbers of cases, which we will keep a very close eye on. Rest assured that we will be using it carefully to inform any decisions we make.

As a reminder, Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance states:

'Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.'

Children must only come to school **if they are well**. If your child has a temperature/fever and/or a cough, we recommend that they remain at home until you receive a negative PCR result for them (or they stay at home for 10 days) as these are both symptoms of COVID-19. If your child needs Calpol in order to get through the day, then they are not fit to be in school; if this is the case, then again we recommend that you keep them at home in order to keep everyone safe. As is clear in the guidance, as a school we will be prepared to reintroduce further COVID-19 precautions should it be necessary and we are advised to by Public Health.

Thank you for your continued support.

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