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Dear Parents and Carers,

I regret to inform you that there are two more positive cases of COVID among the staff and these have been confirmed this weekend. Additionally, there are some staff who now need to isolate in compliance with national guidance. Despite our school's substantial efforts, we will have to **close school for the remaining 4 days of term** **from Monday 19th October.** This is disappointing news to share, given that we have got through the first 6 weeks of term with no cases, but possibly one which was inevitable given the rising cases locally.

Year 6 and Nursery children need to continue self- isolating as per previous guidance. We are closed to the remaining classes because we cannot safely open our school with an absence of first aiders and safeguarding leads.

Whilst this is disappointing news for us, I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are taking all necessary steps to maintain school safety and we will continue to refine our systems.

In order to reduce the impact of school closure on children and their families we are now going to change the training days for KS1 and KS2 children from Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November to Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of October. This means staff will have their training remotely this week and **school will reopen for Y1- Y6 on Monday the 2nd November.**

**EYFS will remain closed on the Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd as the staff are receiving paediatric first aid training and this cannot be moved**.

We will be providing remote learning for all our children for Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October. Teachers will be putting work on your child’s Seesaw account or Tapestry to complete so we ask that children have a go and try their best. Teachers will be available to contact through these learning platforms on these days.

We will all be together as soon as we can. Thank you for your support and patience.

Jacqui Potts

Head teacher