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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID UPDATE

I want to share with you our current situation with regard to Covid. **As of this morning, we currently have 5 Covid outbreaks across the Federation.** Despite what you might be hearing in the media about numbers dropping, this does not reflect our current situation. As of today, we have more cases of Covid than we have ever had throughout this entire pandemic. As I write this, across the Federation, **we have 43 children absent due to Covid and 9 staff.**

The reason I'm writing to you is two-fold, to remind you to keep following the guidelines and also to say, that if staff absence continues to rise, we may be forced into a situation where a class may have to switch to remote learning for a short period of time. As you know, we want our children in school and this would only be done as a last resort. If remote learning became necessary, it would be done on a class by class basis and children would only work at home until, once again, we had a teacher available.

Let's hope that the situation doesn't require home learning, as we all want our children to remain in school but as a working parent myself, I wanted you to know that this is a possibility so that you can put your plans in place in advance.

Lastly, as always, thanks to all of you for your enduring support, we really appreciate all of your positive comments, particularly through these challenging times.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K. Smith
Executive Head Teacher



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