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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you and your families are managing to keep well in these last few days of term. I write to update you about the current situation at New Valley regarding COVID, in the run up to the holiday which begins on Friday.

There are currently a small number of COVID cases in our school community, but not enough in any one group to require any further measures. **However, it feels that this is a good time to remind you all of a few sensible measures that we can take to help keep ourselves, our families and other people in the community as safe as reasonably possible.**

Firstly, **if your child shows any of the main symptoms of COVID – high temperature, a new cough, or a loss of sense of smell or taste – please do not bring them to school.** Please note that they do not need to have more than one of these symptoms; if your child has any of these, you should keep them at home and arrange a PCR test.

If someone else in your household has symptoms or tests positive, I would recommend arranging a PCR test for your child. In this circumstance there is no requirement for your child to be off school; however, given the current high and rising levels of COVID in the community, if you decided to keep them off school, we would understand and respect this decision.

Please also remember the other important measures which together can continue to make a significant difference to reducing the spread of the virus, including:

- **Washing hands** thoroughly and regularly, particularly when arriving at or leaving school (or anywhere else for that matter);
- **Wearing a face covering**, particularly indoors and anywhere where you are close to other people;
- **Maintaining a sensible social distance** from others where possible;
- **Keeping doors and windows open** to ensure that there is good ventilation inside.

At New Valley, we have generally been able to avoid the higher levels of COVID which have caused such disruption in many schools. In these last few days of term, please continue to take cautious and sensible precautions to protect your and others' health, and to reduce the risk of disrupting the holiday period for your family and others.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Yours

Pete Steward

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