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COVID Cases increase in Derby

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see attached a letter from Dr Robyn Dewis, the Director of Public Health for Derby. COVID cases are rising in Derby and schools and parents are being asked to take some extra precautions as a result. As many of you know, my family have been effected by COVID recently even though we were all double jabbed so I know it is possible to contract it and for this to be a very nasty illness.

Luckily, our school community has not been hit badly yet by this current wave, but I am aware of other schools where bubbles have had to be re-introduced and children have had to be sent home to be taught remotely. This is definitely something we want to avoid!

In response to this new advice from the local authority, we will therefore taking the following additional precautions in school from tomorrow:

- Teachers will wear masks when releasing children at the end of the day;
- As the attached letter requests, please can parents also wear masks when on the playground again from tomorrow and maintain social distancing;
- Whole school assemblies will not be held in-person (these will happen virtually);
- Teachers will ensure classrooms are well-ventilated (we have cranked up the heating but please make sure children wear jumpers!);
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands more regularly than usual.

At this stage, we will not be reverting to the full use of bubbles in school but we have planned for this should it become necessary.

Thank you for your support to keep all of our children and families safe.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Bacon
Headteacher

Together, we learn, trust and succeed.

Learn ... reach your full potential - *curiosity, concentration*
Trust ... caring staff support every child in school - *collaboration*
Succeed ... overcome barriers - *resilience, reflectiveness*