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Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure you are aware, our school is experiencing a spike in COVID19 cases. I am in regular contact with Public Health England as we have far exceeded their thresholds for concern. Whilst we are following all guidance and advice, the virus is still spreading throughout our school community at an alarming rate. If you have concerns about the virus, Public Health England, Shropshire, will be on site tomorrow from 2:30pm until after the children have gone home to offer help and advice.

Unfortunately, the school is very close to the point where decisions may have to be made to return to home learning, either in part or in full.

Due to the nature of the virus, if this does happen, I am unable to give any significant advance warning. Please could you help us by having contingency arrangements in place for your children and checking your emails and texts before the start of the school day.

We are trying to avoid this eventuality and staff are working really hard to deliver quality teaching safely under extremely difficult conditions.

It is our hope that half term provides a natural 'fire break' for the virus and that we see a decline in cases once school reopens. If at all possible, please be mindful of mixing with others over this time and take extra precautions to protect yourself and your families.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

M Halstead

Head of School