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Dear Parents and Carers

## COVID-19 Update

I am writing to update you all of the current situation at school regarding COVID-19 as of today.

We have 644 children on roll and at this time we have absent with a positive PCR result-  
1 child in Year EYFS - Bumblebees  
1 child in Year 3 - class 3FB  
5 children in Year 4 - classes 4S and 4P  
6 children in Year 6 - classes 6R and 6B  
1 member of support staff

We have one child in class 2L, two children in class 3FB, one child in class 4P, one child in class 4S, one child in class 6R, one child in class 6W, three members of staff ( one in Year 6 and two in Year 1 ) that have tested positive on a lateral flow test and are awaiting PCR results.

We are in regular communication with the Department for Education and Public Health England and are following their guidance. The school is under the direction of Kent County Council and at this current time, we are remaining open. We are not allowed to close without KCC authorisation. This is the case for all local authority schools.

I am aware that many of you continue to be very concerned about rising numbers and communication will be prioritised at this time to ensure you are all accurately informed. The school has taken the decision to alert parents when a positive case is confirmed (PCR) in their child's class. This is not in line with guidance but we feel it is the correct measure to take at this time.

As you are all aware the country continues to be on a level 4 alert and we will keep you abreast of any educational ramifications as we hear. We have prepared for any period of remote education that might arise. Although we do not foresee this happening we are preparing given the Government are not ruling it out.



## Seasons Greetings

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support this year and it has been lovely to see so many of you at our EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 productions.

Take care and see you all on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Kind regards



Mrs A Woolcombe  
Headteacher



By Jacques in class 6W