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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to update you on the current status regarding Covid cases in our school. We currently have one staff member and eight children who have tested positive on a PCR test; seven of which are confined to Draconis class and one in Centaurus. All close contacts have been contacted and advised to obtain a PCR test. A range of symptoms have been reported, most of them being mild. They are as follows: runny nose, high temperature and loss of taste and smell. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

With this in mind, we advise that all parents remain vigilant and, if concerned, we recommend you obtain LFD tests, which are available free from pharmacies, and regularly test your child and family. In the sad event of a positive result, please follow the guidance on our track and trace letter, which you received earlier in the week, and **contact the school via the school mailbox**.

Please note: even if your child has a negative LFD or PCR test result this does not alter the self-isolation period as a contact. Your child should continue to self-isolate for 10 full days, as they could still become infectious and pass the infection onto others. **ALL** children **MUST** remain in isolation until **midnight on Monday 26 July 2021**. If your child has tested positive on a PCR then please adhere to the advice from the NHS and isolate for 10 days from when symptoms first started or the test date if there were no symptoms.

For more information, please read PHE's 'Stay at Home' guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Fellows and The Meare Team

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