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Dear Parents and Carers,

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We have received further information from Public Health Suffolk about the framework for managing COVID-19 in school. From 15<sup>th</sup> November, a three-level stepped up approach is proposed with different control measures at each level.

### **Level 1**

From immediate effect, siblings of positive cases will no longer be asked to stay away from school, but are advised to undertake a daily Lateral Flow Device and take a PCR test on day 5 from first contact with the symptomatic first case. We will ask for evidence of a negative test prior to a child returning to school.

### **Level 2**

Should 5-14 children or staff (or 10%-29% of a defined group) who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period, then we would move to level 2. If this were the case, we could consider re-introducing 'bubbles', staggered starts and Internal Contact Tracing.

### **Level 3**

Should 15 children or staff (or 30% of a defined group) who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period, then attendance restrictions may be put into place as a last resort and the affected group may move to home learning for as short a period of time as possible.

All routine hand washing, ventilation, CO2 monitoring and cleaning will continue. Staff are wearing masks in communal areas and we continue to encourage parents who are able to wear masks at pick up and drop off time. Thank you for your continued support.

Please do ask if you have any questions about this.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Flatman  
Executive Headteacher

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