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Dear Parent/Carer,

Earlier this week, Suffolk County Council issued new guidance for schools on how to manage and mitigate risk during the continuing pandemic. This guidance focuses on the creation of a levelled response to the presence of positive test results within each school community, and recommends a number of measures that schools might wish to use at each level.

The school leadership team has looked carefully at the guidance from Suffolk County Council and has decided on how we should implement it at Farlingaye.

The overall aim of the measures we have decided to use is to break transmission in the event of an outbreak, so that everyone in school is safe and so that we can prevent whole-school closures.

Please note that the school leadership team will discuss any developing situation with the Local Authority Health Team and will take advice on next steps. However, we believe that our standard response to changes in the preponderance of positive COVID test results will operate as follows:

- **Level 1** – Current arrangements – i.e., students and staff asked to wear face coverings in communal areas, cleaning and access to hand sanitiser to be optimised, all spaces to be ventilated, whole year assemblies to be online only, essential visitors only to be invited into school. These arrangements are under constant review, but at this point they are in line with Local Authority recommendations.
Level 1 to be in place when positive test results = <10% in any class/tutor group/year group.
- **Level 2a** – Ask all students in target group to undergo daily testing at home.
Level 2a to be in place when positive test results = 10-15% in any class/tutor group /year group.
- **Level 2b** – Ask all students in target group to undergo daily testing in school.
Level 2b to be in place when positive test results = 15-20% in class/tutor group /year group.
- **Level 2c** – Ask all students in the relevant year group to undergo daily testing in school and to wear face coverings in classrooms as well as in communal areas.
Level 2c to be in place when positive test results = 20%-30% in any class/tutor group /year group.
- **Level 3** – Partial closures with target groups working at home.
Level 3 to be in place when positive test results = 30%+ in class/tutor group/year group.

The lists of positive COVID test results will be analysed each day until further notice so that we can decide what level the school should be at. If there are any changes to our status, we will notify the families for whom this change is relevant.

Please contact me at Farlingaye if you have any questions about any of the information above.

Yours sincerely,

Dr A Sievewright
Headteacher