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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone is ok after this full first week back. Procedures for dropping off and collecting children seem to be working very well and, apart from this morning for some reason, the outer car park has also been running well with the staggered times. We are reviewing the situation daily.

We have seen an increase in absence this week, which, considering the situation we are in is not surprising. Just a reminder please to ring the office the first day of absence, stating name, class and reason for absence. Please could you also let us know if your child is showing COVID symptoms and you are booking a test. Please let us know the outcome of the test as soon as you have the result. We understand that testing is proving difficult to book at the moment, so please update us by the end of the 3rd day of absence if you have still not had the result or the test.

If children are showing COVID symptoms, they or their siblings cannot return to school unless a negative test result is given. We will need to have sight of the text or email you will receive with the negative result. All members of the household must self isolate until the test result is available.

If a child has a positive test, please notify the school immediately. There is a procedure for me to follow which involves contacting Public Health Wales for confirmation and direction. If you receive a positive test result out of school hours please email distantlearning@rogerstoneprimary.com as I will be able to take the required action as soon as we see the email.

I will of course notify you if we have a positive case and the action we need to take as directed by Public Health Wales.

Owing to the reopening of breakfast club, which is running very well – thank you for your support – our contact groups in school are now year groups, rather than classes. Nothing has changed with regard to our arrangements in that we still do not mix the classes in doors, but they can mix with their year group peers outdoors with staff encouraging social distancing.

This does mean that should a positive case be confirmed in a class, it is very likely that we will be directed to close the school to the whole year group and not just the pupil's class.

There is an unknown currently that I want you to be aware of in what will happen with a positive test when the home to school transport buses are taken into consideration. The buses of course have children from every year group on them. On the face of it



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this may require a whole school closure in the event of a positive test, but I will take direction from Public Health Wales if we find ourselves in that situation.

We are being sent an updated Track and Trace protocol next week. The main headline from this that individuals contacted by T&T need to self-isolate, so for example, if a parent has been contacted by T&T and you need self-isolate due to someone in the restaurant you were in tested positive, your children are still ok to come to school, unless of course you or your children start to show symptoms or the children have also been directed by T&T to self-isolate.

I have undertaken a review of the handwashing procedures here owing to a number of children experiencing sore and chapped hands. Every class has 2 different kind of soaps available, so there is no need to send children in with their own soap.

Subject to NCC approval, from Monday, we will reduce the number of times children wash their hands and review it again at the end of next week. All children will wash their hands on arrival, before lunch and before they go home.

I apologise for all this detailed information, but I wanted to keep you informed.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Steve Rayer
Headteacher

