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Dear Parents & Carers

You are hopefully aware from our communications that we have now been forced to close four classes at Harriers, so pupils and staff can isolate following a positive test result in their bubble.

I would firstly like to thank all the parents and carers from these classes, who have been so understanding and supportive. Secondly I would like to thank the Harriers staff; those who have had to isolate yet have quickly turned their attention to educating the children online, and those who have continued to come into school knowing that we are also potentially at risk.

I am very pleased to confirm that each positive case has been an isolated case. This is reassuring for us as it indicates that our systems in school are robust and cases are not spreading within school. What this does mean, however, is that the virus is spreading in our community outside of school and it therefore becomes paramount that we adhere to the government's lockdown rules more stringently now more than ever. Only if we all do our part and take the lockdown seriously will we stop the spread of the virus and allow our lives, in and out of school, to return to normal.

We communicated at the beginning of the year that we would use the field for break and lunchtimes. Unfortunately, as we have moved through Autumn the condition of the field has deteriorated and I know many of you are only too aware that the children are getting rather muddy. Even in wellies or spare trainers! We have therefore decided to remark the playground zones so it can be used by all children, but in smaller spaces. We will take advantage of all the wellies and trainers now in school by increasing the amount of outdoor learning taking place.

Thank you all for your on-going support.

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pearson
Executive Principal