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Dear Parent/Carers,

You will be aware that there has been a huge increase in positive COVID-19 cases in Gloucestershire. These cases have not only affected Calton but also many of the local schools both Primary and Secondary around the area. It is important to note that this should not be a direct reflection on schools.

We continue to advise what the government suggests:

- Restricting the amount of people you come into contact with
- Continuing to wear face coverings •
- Continuing to socially distancing •
- Hands, face and space.

We expect all our families to consider the risk that these pose if guidance is not always followed.

We always make decisions for the best of our children but equally evaluate the effectiveness of these. Since moving to year group bubbles over 3 months ago, we have not had any positive cases. Sadly over the last week there has been an increase in positive cases. We could not foresee this. As a result we have made the decision to revert back to class bubbles for the remainder of the academic year. Can I please remind that there will be some short term implications to this not least with the live home learning sessions and contact with and from the class teacher. We will do our very best to reply quickly to communication, but this may not always be possible.

Where a positive Covid-19 case is confirmed, the whole class bubble will need to isolate for 10 days. We do advise that a PCR test is completed, though a negative PCR still means that self-isolating at home needs to continue for 10 days.

As always, we will continue to review our policies and risk assessment. Please can I ask and advise that as parents/carers you continue to follow the guidance set by the government.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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