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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are all well as we approach the mid-point of this half term.

The government is relaxing the guidance and some of the constraints within which we, along with other schools have been operating over the past few weeks. However, we have continued to see positive cases of Covid-19 within the school. This has led to a shortage of staff at times particularly during this week but also in the first two weeks of the spring term. We have at times been unable to secure cover staff from agencies and external providers. This has meant that the Sudbourne staff team have worked extremely hard and flexibly to ensure that we have not had to close any classes.

To ensure the health of pupils, staff, parents and the capability of remaining open and providing face to face education we will be continuing to operate our Covid-19 control measures similar to the way we have been previously. This means that we will continue to maintain our cleaning schedule during the day, ensuring children regularly wash their hands and that we ventilate areas of the school as much as possible. As a staff we will continue to hold nearly all meetings online, follow the guidance of staff who wish to) to use lateral flow tests twice weekly and use PPE equipment/products throughout the school day where this can be undertaken safely.

The school is operating in this way so that we do all that we can to avoid having to step measures up in the future or having to put in place contingency plans if a significant number of children or staff test positive for COVID19.

I hope you found the newsletter informative and helpful last Friday. The next edition will be sent to you next week on Friday 28th January.

Take care,

Richard Blackmore - Headteacher

