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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Pandemic continues to challenge all schools and we were very sorry to have had to close 2 classes on Wednesday. Whilst I understand how frustrating this must be for those affected I hope also that it is reassuring to you all that the health of our pupils remains a priority and the school does follow the comprehensive process outlined in our risk assessment.

I am sure you will understand that we don't take these decisions lightly, that they are based on DFE advice and where there is any doubt, we have access to very comprehensive support from the LSP.

You can also be assured that we deep clean where necessary and review each case to see what learning can be gained.

To further help with reducing the risk of the virus on our community we continue to need your help and support in the following areas:

- Those parents doing multiple drop offs, please do not linger on the school site between time slots. This creates crowding, risks bubbles crossing and some children are being allowed to play on equipment by parents that is out of bounds.
- Please avoid meeting or gathering by the school entrances at the beginning of the school day.
- Where groups use the sports court by Parish Wharf, consider numbers in the small space and if you do use it, please don't mix year groups as this crosses bubbles.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone for dressing up, helping to raise money and sharing some laughter. A shared joke and a giggle is great medicine and a little bit of silliness goes a long way. There have been so many heroes during this long year – aside from the obvious, we would like to take a moment to thank all you parents and carers, navigating your way through these unchartered waters with love and care, supporting learning, helping the community and ensuring your children are shielded from the personal challenges you have faced so that their needs and wellbeing have been prioritised.

Everyone at school salutes you. You have done your children proud!

"I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know..."

Kind Regards,

Richard Riordan

Headteacher