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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 Important Information

In the spirit of the full transparency which we have been committed to throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I am writing to share that two members of staff and two children have tested positive for COVID this week.

Our first and most important concern is to wish them all well for a speedy recovery. Everyone sends love and best wishes to you. They are self-isolating in line with the national guidance.

I have, today, spoken with the Department for Education's COVID advisers and with the local Health Protection Team. They are advising that school continues as normal for everyone else but that, where children or staff have worked closely with someone who has tested positive, they have a PCR test. All these children and staff should continue to attend school as normal while awaiting the result of their PCR test, unless they, themselves, develop any COVID-19 symptoms. Shannon and Karen in the office have, today, contacted all families where a child does need to have a PCR test so, if you have not heard from us, this does not affect your child.

I fully appreciate that this may well cause anxiety for many of you; I understand that. Please do let your child's teaching team know if you have any questions or require further reassurance. What I can assure you is that we are operating very strict COVID protection arrangements and that the well-being of everyone is at the heart of our work.

It is little consolation, I know, but there is, sadly, a similar picture in many other schools at this time. I was at a meeting with other headteachers from around the country yesterday and the same is happening in other schools. Let's hope that the situation settles again soon.

This all said, life at Cedar has been totally unaffected and as normal for most of our children today. Looking forward to a positive rest of the week!

Warm best wishes,

Neil Revell
Headteacher

*The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people.
It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.*

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