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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Re: Covid Update: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

As many of you are aware, we have now had a number of confirmed positive covid-19 tests. We have, to date, had 11 at the Brittain Lane site and 1 at the Deansway site. This has affected a number of class bubbles, and parents/carers of children and young people in these bubbles have been notified and are following national isolation guidance.

I cannot thank families enough for their support and understanding during this tricky period.

In many ways we were fortunate to have half term this week, as it has acted as a circuit breaker, but I also know how difficult it is for children and young people to isolate. I am sorry if this has affected your half term plans. My apologies if any of our communications were confusing as it happened quite quickly last week. Rest assured, myself and the senior team have been working throughout this week to ensure the correct communications are sent out.

I have been in constant contact with the public health consultant for the West Midlands, who has been advising throughout. In addition to this, I am working closely with the governing body and local authority. For your information, the advice from public health has been that for anyone off isolating (regardless of whether they have symptoms or not), is to test at both the beginning and end of the isolation period (14 days for close contacts). Public health has enabled this as part of the 'screening' process so we can track the spread of the virus more closely. Thank you once again to families that managed to get their child tested, I know this is not easy.

As a result of this careful monitoring, and unless anything changes drastically over the weekend:

- The Evergreen Deansway Site will remain open from Monday 2nd November to all classes not isolating

Due to a higher number of cases at the Brittain Lane site (this is mostly in 2 classes), we will be making a decision tomorrow (based on staffing levels) as to whether we can safely open the Brittain Lane site after half term. I am meeting with the senior team in the morning to discuss if we can achieve this safely and will let you know by the end of the day.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all those with positive Covid tests a speedy recovery.

Thank you once again for your understanding and messages of support.

Best wishes and keep safe,

Yours sincerely,

Nick



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