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Dear Parent and carers,

As I am sure you are aware, since the start of the term we have experienced a significant number of covid-19 cases in school. Over the last 2 weeks, we have been in constant communication with Public Health England to ensure that we have all the appropriate procedures in place and we have always acted on this advice immediately. This has included a wide range of measures including reintroducing 'bubbles' to some year groups and the wearing of face coverings in communal areas for staff.

Can I say a big thank you for your help over this period. As a parent of young children myself, I fully appreciate how challenging it can be to administer lateral flow tests. However, it is really important that we keep testing our children when they have been identified as a close contact. There have already been a number of cases where the lateral flow tests have identified asymptomatic cases in school.

As you can imagine, with significant covid transmission within the community, there will also be the need to manage staff absence. We are working closely with our Supply Agency partners to ensure that we have appropriately trained staff to teach our children and, with your help, we will endeavour to do all we can to prevent any 'bubble' closures.

As a school, we regularly view the data on the [Northumberland Covid Dashboard](#), and as you can see, cases are falling significantly across the whole of Northumberland. We hope that in the coming days, this will translate to a reduction in the number of positive cases in school.

As it has been throughout the last two years, communication between school, parents/carers and the community is really important, so if you have any questions or concerns with regards to the current situation, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [stobhillgate@the3rivers.net](mailto:stobhillgate@the3rivers.net) or call us on 01670 513382.

Yours sincerely



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