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Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, we have had a spike in the number of reported Norovirus cases over the weekend, in addition to some reported COVID cases. We are going to have to keep the restrictions and safety measures in place for longer than expected, possibly until the end of term. New Norovirus cases are predominantly in the nurseries, including staff members. However, we do also have some isolated cases in various classes across the school, transferring from siblings.

All nursery rooms will remain closed on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July to enable us to deep clean the nurseries. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

We will keep our extra hand washing in place and the children will still stay in their class bubbles throughout the school day. Book bags and reading books will remain in school.

This means that children will be dropped off at the same places as last week and the gates will open at 8.30am each morning. Please do not send your child to school if they are complaining of a stomach ache or headache, or generally feeling weepy or unwell. If any member of the household has symptoms of Norovirus, please keep your child at home for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness. Please do not bring any older siblings/children onto site during these times.

Unfortunately this will affect all of the following events:

The Year 2 Leavers' Assembly scheduled for Wednesday, 10th July at 1.30pm will no longer be able to take place in church with parents attending. Instead we will hold a virtual assembly in school for the children so that they can still celebrate their time with us.

Sadly, we will have to cancel our open evening which was scheduled for Wednesday, 10th July. On Friday 12th July, your child will bring home a welcome page to inform you of which class they will be in next year. We will reschedule the open evening for early September. This will give you the opportunity to visit their classroom and properly meet their new teacher. We will send a separate letter with more specific details later this term.

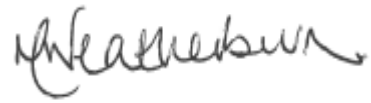
Sports Activity Days will be cancelled, we will try to reschedule this for the last few days of term, depending on the situation next week.

Hopefully, the trip to the Rural Life Museum on Thursday 18th July for Night Pirates will be able to go ahead because it is only one class going and the majority of them have already had Norovirus and recovered from it. We will keep you informed of the situation.

Can I reassure you that the school has been in regular contact with Public Health England and they have advised us that we are going above and beyond with preventative measures in order to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding with this situation.

As always, please ask if you have any questions or need any support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Weatherburn', written in a cursive style.

Mary Weatherburn
Headteacher