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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for your continued support for your child's school during the past 18 months – collectively we've worked through some difficult times.

Following a recent increase of positive cases in school age children at Kibworth Mead School, we are writing to you to ask for your help in reducing the spread of coronavirus amongst households in the community.

We are seeing rises – particularly in young people and their parents and carers. This is driven by people mixing more frequently inside and outside of school. Our latest data is showing a number of cases connected to out of school social activities and after school clubs. We're asking parents to make sure they are being cautious and sensible when organising any 'gatherings' such as birthday parties or sleepovers and are following the latest advice when attending any sports clubs or leisure activities. Regular testing, handwashing and ventilating enclosed areas if visitors are present are all simple steps that will help to bring cases down.

Pupils are reminded to continue to test twice weekly at home, with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits, 3 to 4 days apart. Testing remains voluntary but is strongly encouraged. Please take care to follow the instructions included and report all results either online or by phone.

Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). They will also need to [get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19](#).

Whilst awaiting this PCR result, your child should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Additional information on [PCR test kits for schools and further education providers](#) is available.

By taking simple steps to protect your family and your community, we know we'll be looking at a brighter picture. It has been a tough 18 months, but the pandemic isn't over. If you're getting together with friends and family, take care and be sensible to avoid spreading the virus and crucially, take the opportunity to get vaccinated.

Kind regards,

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