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Head Teacher: Mr. P. Craig  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a result of the proportion of COVID-19 cases in our school community, and particularly in the Reception class at this time, we have decided to implement part of our outbreak management plan. This follows discussions with South Tyneside Public Health. The recommendations are as follows:

- Reception class to have no contact with any other classes in school. This means they will go into lunch at 11.30 and finish by 11.50, giving staff enough time to thoroughly disinfect the tables and hatch.
- EYFS staff to take daily LFT tests
- All staff to continue to wear face coverings when not in the classroom
- Thorough hand sanitising to continue to take place for all staff and pupils when entering classrooms, as well as before lunch
- Pupils from different classes to be kept apart as and when possible. This includes Breakfast Club - pupils will sit in their own class groups only, especially Reception, and tables cleaned once used.

We are also recommending that all of the Reception children who are not already self-isolating as a result of a positive PCR test, access a PCR test as soon as possible. You can order or book a free PCR test by visiting [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or calling 119.

We appreciate that the guidance regarding COVID-19 has changed significantly over the past 21 months and I hope that this letter will give you all the information you need. However, if you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact school by email or via the main office.

Thank you all for your support with this infection control measure. I hope all the children and families of those children who are already at home, stay well and recover quickly.

Hopefully once the Winter is over, we can get back to some form of normality!

Yours sincerely

Mr P Craig  
Headteacher