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Dear Families and Friends,

This week we have had further information about lateral flow testing in schools for staff to help pick up asymptomatic cases.

With numbers exceeding 18,000 in the news yesterday, it is vital to use all methods possible to decrease the spread of Covid-19 that are available to us.

The message from the DfE is unchanged. If you are able to stay home, you must do so. If you do not need to take up a place in school then these must be reserved for those working in key worker positions who cannot be at home, children with Education Health and Care Plans, or those with social care vulnerable category.

The possibility to distance classes, and to stagger the bubbles in school, relies on keeping within our capacity. Therefore, key workers who must be at work, can bring their children to school with the utmost safety in place.

So far, Shefford Lower School has been safe from bubble closures. Help us to keep it this way. We continue to ensure handwashing is frequent, and the one way distancing is in place. Mask wearing on our site is required, and we continue to ask that you do not linger to chat to other families during drop off, or stop at the door with staff – please feel free to phone, email and talk to us on TEAMS. Our learning hub is also available to support learning queries and find answers to support you.

We are optimistic that this lockdown is finite, with the end in sight. Whilst we are restricted, our remote learning opportunities are wide, with contingencies in place to support your child's engagement. Seeing friends through the technologies provided has been immensely beneficial.

Please do stay in contact, as this helps us to help you with the variety of learning methods we can provide. We can't wait to hold our animal assemblies next week, and we are looking forward to sharing fun with you in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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