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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I started writing this newsletter yesterday with a little more optimism that I have today as I re-write it. After the outbreak in Pant Pandas it was almost inevitable that we would see more cases, and indeed we have. We now have cases in Class 1 and 4 which is indicating that the virus is being transmitted in school.

Even in difficult situations I try to look for the positives, and it is definitely a positive that our cases have started to spike immediately before a weekend. This gives us the chance to slow the spread enough to possibly avoid the disruption caused by having too few staff to keep all the classes open.

This weekend is our window of opportunity!

I would implore parents to take the possibility of disruption very seriously and make sure you test frequently (every day for seven days for Class 1 and 4 due to the current cases) and especially over the weekend and on Monday morning. It is also vital that you do not send your children in if they are unwell. If your child develops a high temperature, persistent cough and loss or change of taste or smell, I would advise you to book a PCR test for them and they should not return to school until a negative result is received.

Please check emails and phones before you set off each morning next week or before you put children on the bus. Also make sure you are contactable during the school day and ideally are able to pick your child up quickly if they become unwell. Already by lunchtime today we have had to send four children home. For the next week, if in doubt please keep them at home.

As supply is staggeringly difficult to find at the moment, if we have to close classes they could be closed for significantly longer than a single day if we can't staff safely. We all have to do everything we can to avoid this possibility.

Please also continue to wear face coverings on the school site for a little longer to help us get through this difficult time. Luck will not factor in how this situation plays out for us, it is only the actions we take that will affect the outcome.

Our weekly Newsletter will be coming out to parents on Monday.

Yours sincerely

Mr Thompson