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## **Covid update**

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to let you know that the DFE has now sent us some CO2 monitors for every class in the school. This is to ensure that we can check the air quality in each room. We will continue to ventilate each classroom and the monitors will help us to assess how well we are doing with this.

Unfortunately, Covid cases are rising within the school and as a result we are having to rethink some of our plans. We will continue to do Good Work Assemblies but we will not be inviting parents in for these for the foreseeable future. This is because we have the whole school in the hall at once and so adding adults as well is too much of a risk.

At the moment, we are continuing to plan for a Reception Christmas sing-a-long for parents and a KS1 nativity. We will assess nearer the time whether parents will be able to come in for this or whether we will have to video it for you.

Please can we urge you all once again to keep your children at home if they are showing any symptoms of Covid such as a high temperature or a persistent cough. They should only come into school, once a negative PCR test has been received, or if they isolate for 10 days. If they come into school and display any of these symptoms they will be immediately isolated in another room and then sent home for a PCR test. It is not fair on other families, children or staff if you send your child into school displaying any possible symptoms of Covid.

A reminder as well that if your child has been for a PCR test, they must isolate at home until they have been given a negative result. We will need to see a copy of their negative result before they will be allowed back into school. Under no circumstances should your child come to school while they await their covid PCR test result.





Finally, we cannot enforce the use of masks for adults on the playground but we strongly advise that you wear them to protect the whole Park Grove community from any further spread of the virus. Our positive Covid cases are higher now than they were last year but because we no longer have to close bubbles you may not realise this so it's important that we keep you informed.

Thanks you for your support

Jo Sawyer

