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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to update you on the current situation in relation to Covid-19 at Bradstow School.

As you are aware we have had a significant outbreak of Covid-19 across the school. This has included a significant number of positive cases amongst all our staff groups and a small number of young people. We currently have young people who have tested positive being supported on the school site and at home.

The school has faced particular challenges in relation to the staff numbers currently available due a high percentage of staff being required under Government Guidance to self-isolate.

The Senior Leadership Team has had several discussions with Public Health England and the Local Authority over the last week, and on Friday the Senior Leadership Team took part in an Outbreak Control Meeting which was attended by several representatives from Public Health England, clinicians and representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group, as well as representatives from both Kent and Wandsworth Local Authorities.

A risk assessment was completed at this meeting and, as a result, some staff that are currently self-isolating in their homes will be permitted to return to work before the end of their isolation period. This is under certain strict conditions adapted for our specific situation at Bradstow School. This is to support the young people currently on site who continue to self-isolate in the residential homes.

The school has been provided with tests to enable us to test both the young people and staff currently on site, and we plan to test again this week. This will enable us to identify new cases as soon as we can. We will off course communicate the results of any tests to you relating to your own child, or if a young person in their home tests positive.

We will be continuing to review our staff numbers each day as this week progresses, and we will be closely monitoring the transmission of the virus to ensure that any returns to school of young people currently at home are managed safely and within the guidance from Public Health England. We will need to ensure Covid free environments and safe staffing numbers in both class and in the residential home before we return young people who are currently at home.

Headteacher: Sarah Dunn



We are currently utilising a higher than usual number of agency staff and these individuals have been allocated to work in specific residential homes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns about the school's management of the current Covid-19 outbreak at the school? Email sdunn@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk or phone 01843 862123.

Regards



Sarah Dunn
Head teacher