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Dear Parents and Carers

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

As you are aware from my previous letters over recent weeks we continue to endure a significant outbreak of Covid-19 across the school site, and there continues to be a very high number of positive cases amongst all our staff groups and amongst the young people on site.

As I explained on 27th November that further positive results would impact on the self-isolation periods for the school and residential homes. I regret to inform you that during this week beginning 30th November further young people and staff have tested positive for Covid-19 on the school site. This also impacts staffing levels available due to the sheer numbers of staff who are currently self-isolating and not available to work.

As I have previously stated we regrettably cannot plan an immediate return for young people currently at home as further positive cases have been identified. It would be unsafe to do so and not in line with guidelines. We are continuing to follow all the relevant Government Guidance on self-isolation, and continue to take regular advice from Public Health England in relation to the outbreak at Bradstow School.

With the holiday period fast approaching from Friday 18th December I think it almost certain that it will not be possible to return young people currently at home to the residential homes.

Please note that **Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on isolation for residential educational settings** states that your local authority should also contact you frequently as part of its monitoring duties to ensure that risks are being managed and to establish whether additional support is necessary and how this will be delivered.

We will continue to regularly test both the young people currently at school, and the staff currently working on site. This will enable us to monitor and put controls in place to manage the spread of the virus on site. The young people who remain on site continue to self-isolate in their residential homes and are not currently attending class.

Headteacher: Sarah Dunn



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



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