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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Covid Levels in School

I am sure you have heard that we do have a number of staff and students absent due to COVID. To reassure you, our numbers still sit below the threshold required to contact Public Health. We have approximately 40 students and 4 staff absent due to COVID. From a teaching point of view, this is 10% of our teaching staff. With all restrictions being lifted, this spike is really no surprise. School is still doing everything it can to minimise the impact, but the stark reality is that COVID is still affecting schools and those in it. Talking with Headteachers in various locations, both locally and nationally, many are finding the impact of COVID to be worse now than at any other time.

Data taken from the Government shows that there has been a 43.9% increase in positive cases across the UK between 4th and 10th March. This is certainly reflected in our numbers at STFS. The data used can be found at the following link:

[UK Summary | Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#)

You can also keep up to date with numbers across Bucks through the link below. This gives an extensive overview of numbers and allows you to have some context to numbers in school and the surrounding area.

[Buckinghamshire Council | COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

We will endeavour to keep fighting the good fight, but in many respects our hands are tied as all legislation around COVID has been removed.

Yours faithfully,

Neale Pledger
headteacher

