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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully you have seen the letter yesterday explaining that we have had some positive Covid-19 cases and an explanation of the guidance we are following. Thank you for your continued vigilance in identifying symptoms in your children and seeking PCR tests when needed.

We have been following the baseline measures outlined in the DfE guidance and are now implementing further control measures. The following temporary adjustments in school will be put in place to help reduce the chance of virus transmission:

Assemblies	Assemblies will be returning to being pre-recorded videos. These will be played in the classroom instead of the children going to the hall. Unfortunately, class assemblies will be need to be cancelled at present.
Year 3 Sleepover	Postponed – We will do everything we can to make this happen later in the school year . Our suggestion is we keep hold of the money for chips ready for when we reschedule the sleepover. If you would like to be refunded and pay again when this is rescheduled, then please speak to the office.
Trips	Year 4 Volcano Dome – Cancelled – Money to be left in your SCOPAY Account. Year 5 WW2 Trip – Cancelled – Money to be left in your SCOPAY Account. In order to still enhance children’s learning and experiences in these topics we plan to use our VR headsets to support children’s understanding.
Parents’ Evening	Postponed to the week beginning the 15th of November. Following a review of the situation after half term, we will provide more information. We will need to ask you to rebook appointment slots once we have confirmed the details.
Year 2 Open Evening	Instead of having a presentation in the hall we will be directing parents to a presentation video and the school will be open for families to have a self-guided look around. Members of staff will be available to answer questions. We will send out this information separately to year 2 parents.
Year 2 Art Morning	This will be just for the children this year.
Lunches	Children eating lunch in the hall will be seated by year group.
Reception	Please can we ask that if you need to speak to a member of the office that only one adult enters at a time. Please wait outside if you can see another parent inside.

We will continually review how we operate as the situation changes and in light of any new guidance. Some of the changes above will be disappointing for the children (and staff) but we will do our best to find alternatives in order to give them similar learning experiences. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Kindest regards,

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Co-Headteachers

At Mengham Junior School we aspire to be Successful learners, Healthy and Confident individuals,
Responsible members of our community

