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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 cases have again been rising in Herefordshire over the last few weeks, across all age-groups.

In schools, including our special schools, it is sometimes necessary to send classes home for the safety of children, or because staff have tested positive and replacement staff cannot be found.

Herefordshire Council realises that this unavoidable action can cause difficulties for parents and puts additional pressures on home and work life. Our priority is to keep children in school and continue their learning. Schools will always do their best to avoid sending children home and keep the length of class closures to an absolute minimum.

During the pandemic Herefordshire schools have demonstrated a huge commitment to keeping children safe and in school, often in extremely difficult circumstances. We are fully supportive of any school if they have to reluctantly decide that they have no other option but to close classes.

We would like to thank you for continuing to support your child's school during this difficult time.

Kind Regards

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