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Dear Parents and Carers

High levels of staff absence

I am writing to keep you informed that we are currently experiencing extremely high levels of teaching and support staff absence. We now have a number of staff who are isolating because they have tested positive for COVID-19, or their child has. In addition, in a small number of cases, teachers are unable to come to work because their child's nursery or school has been partially closed. Staff absence at Malmesbury is higher now than at any point during the pandemic.

Please rest assured that we will do all we can to continue to be able to deliver face-to-face education and to avoid any sort of partial closure. All available colleagues in school are covering classes and we are accessing as many agency/recently retired staff as possible to teach lessons. We also have contingencies in place where we would collapse our timetable to increase group sizes. All available capacity is being used at this time in school.

I would like to ask for your patience at this time, in particular for your continued support when it comes to pastoral issues, as we may not be able to respond to these as quickly as we would normally.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Brett Jouny
Headteacher



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