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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to thank you for your commitment to keeping our schools and our communities safe during the pandemic, especially over the last half-term.

Our COVID-19 case rates in Stockport are relatively low and this is largely because everyone has been trying to follow the government guidance. I recognise that this can be difficult at times but we are seeing the benefits, so thank you.

As restrictions are lifted and we enjoy more freedoms, we need at the same time to weigh up carefully how best to continue to keep ourselves and others safe from the virus. We are currently seeing infections increase in many parts of Greater Manchester due to a new variant of the virus. Most cases of coronavirus are now caused by new variants, and these increases are particularly affecting school-age children and their parents.

To keep safe, control the virus and reduce the risk of needing to self-isolate, please consider the following advice:

- Please meet up, play and socialise outside, or keep windows open
- Please continue to maintain social distance (2m) from those outside your household
- Remember to wear face coverings on public transport, in shops and in other areas where this is required
- Please continue to take regular lateral flow tests. These are still available for collection from most pharmacies and libraries.
- If you get symptoms, you still need to self-isolate and get a PCR test via www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or 119.

I would also urge you to take up the offer of vaccinations as soon as you receive your invite.

We wish all Stockport school children and families a safe, enjoyable and well earned half term break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Connolly'.

Jennifer Connolly
Director of Public Health