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Dear Parent/Carers

You may have seen the news article on Kent Online yesterday evening, outlining the confirmed cases within our school. If you have not already seen the article, please click on the link below;

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/gravesend/news/teacher-and-pupil-contract-virus-227513/>

We would like to clarify some of the inaccurate information shared by Sean Delaney, reporter for Kent Online. Firstly, the member of staff who tested positive for COVID-19 was a teaching assistant not a teacher. As stated in our previous letter to parents, the two members of our school community who tested positive are thankfully recovering well.

Secondly, the reason we are unable to open during half term is due to the following outstanding statutory checks that were unable to take place during the Easter holidays due to the national lockdown.

- Fire alarm checks
- Intruder alarm checks
- Emergency lighting checks

We sought advice from the KCC press office and the Local Authority yesterday afternoon and issued a statement in line with their guidance, unfortunately Sean Delaney has misinterpreted some of our letters that have been shared on our school website.

We hope that this clarifies our situation. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the leadership team.

Yours sincerely



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