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"Let your light shine."  
Matthew 5:16

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Dear Parents,

Many schools in Tameside are currently being challenged by the Omicron variant having detrimental impact on staff absence.

At Broadbottom, fortunately we have not had significant illness in teachers. However, we are experiencing the highest number of pupil cases since the onset, with multiple absence in most classes. Despite falling rates nationally, this is not the picture for us at local level yet.

The Covid Oversight Panel (which sits fortnightly) are concerned about these internal rates and the risk to staff becoming ill and consequently unable to teach. This situation would inevitably impact on learning for pupils and therefore needs to be protected. As such, a decision has been taken to temporarily suspend Pride Assemblies, until rates reduce within school. We will of course continue to review cases and re-introduce Pride as soon as possible.

It is encouraging, that we are being advised that nationally the virus has now peaked. It does remain vital that any positive lateral flows are reported following the guidelines to ensure data is representative of cases.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Marrow  
Headteacher