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Dear parents and carers,

Earlier this morning we had a significant swarm of bees in the school playground. Children were inside at this time and Class 2 were just moving outside for their playtime. A TA noticed and quickly informed SLT - our lockdown alarm and procedure was activated. The staff and children responded brilliantly and moved/stayed inside rapidly. No children were hurt at the time. Later in the day one child was stung by a bee – we are not what type.

I have spoken with each class today to thank the children for their calmness and responsibility – Class 1 & 2 parents should feel especially proud. We took the opportunity to discuss the lockdown procedure too.

Having looked closely at the bees, we think the swarm was of honey bees (and not mortar/masonry bees. Mortar/masonry bees are solitary bees which do not swarm.) We are aware that honey bees do live in colonies. These colonies split when they become large. We think this is what happened earlier today. If this is the case, it should not happen regularly.

We have a company coming to advise us tomorrow - we will take action if needed.

With kind regards,

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Headteacher