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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re. Closing Class Bubbles

As some of you may be aware, there have been several schools in Leeds where bubbles of classes have been 'collapsed' – this is where a child within a bubble has been tested positive for COVID19. The infection rate in this city is rising however we continue in school encourage social distancing, handwashing and in fastidiously implementing all of the safety features so that *everyone* can benefit from our children remaining in school for as long as possible.

Thank you to everyone who is following the distancing guidelines; this really supports us and of course, it's important that we encourage our families and children to do this outside of school as well where possible; **we all would like for our school to stay open for as long as possible.**

In our school, we have planned very carefully so that bubbles do not mix and in this way, we potentially limit the number of bubbles needing to close, should there be a positive case.

I'm writing to share with you our **plans for children if school has to close a class bubble** (BEFORE OCTOBER HALF TERM – NB this will change slightly after October as we are currently purchasing and training staff for use of online learning platforms for use after this time, going forward).

DAY of CLOSURE:

If a child within a bubble has tested positive, you will be informed in writing (during the day) that your child's bubble will close. Depending upon the situation/timing, this may be with immediate effect or it may be the following day. (I do apologise in advance for the short notice that will be provided – it is not ideal but will be necessary).

Your child will be advised to **isolate for 14 days with the rest of their bubble**. Children will go home that day with a pack of work for them to complete for the following 2 days.



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DAY1:

Class emails will be reinstated and you will receive a link with a message about the bubble closure from myself. Children should begin the pack that was sent home for completion.

DAY 2:

Continue with work packs. You will receive a video message from the teacher and video lessons will commence from Day 3.

DAY 3 – DAY 14:

Daily Maths and English videos will be available on the website for your class by the class teacher. Work to accompany the lesson will be sent via the email link. Additional work for one foundation subject will also be sent on a daily basis. The lessons will follow the chronology of teaching sequence as planned as part of our recovery programme. Assemblies will continue to be available twice a week via the website.

Children will also need to continue practising, spellings, times tables, reading and Mathematics

Siblings of children in bubbles that have closed, can still come to school UNLESS either child is symptomatic.

Reminder of symptoms in children:

- Headache
- Fever
- Sore throat
- Tummy upset
- Rash
- Feel unwell / general malaise

If children have **any combination** of the above, they must **stay off** for 10 days or **get a test (within first 3 days)** and can **return to school if the test is negative**.

If the test is positive, please inform school immediately because the class bubble will be closed the same day. All children (and their staff) will then remain off school (and receive the afore mentioned provision) for the next 14 days.

- If a child has a runny nose **but no fever**, they can **come in to school**.



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If there are several bubbles closed and insufficient staff, the school will take advice from PHE guidance and may have to close as a whole school.

I am hopeful that all our children will stay well and as you know, we are working really hard to ensure their safety at this time. Thank you again for your support in this, especially in the playground at drop off and collection time.

Kind regards,

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