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SCHOOL STATEMENT - 25/06/2020

Following our announcement yesterday we have had several requests for further details. We understand that parents will be anxious and concerned. The Health & Safety of our pupils, our staff and the families of pupils and staff are of the greatest importance to us. We have, unfortunately, had a confirmed case of Covid-19 and this is beyond the control of the school. However the facts below will hopefully bring more clarity. We are unable, at this time, to respond to individual requests for information. We have worked with the Trust, Local Authority and Public Health England to manage our response.

- The member of staff in question supervised two bubbles during a wet playtime on 1 day during the week commencing 15th June.
- From our investigation we do not believe the member of staff has been within 2 metres of any child however she supervised the bubbles over a 30 minute period.
- We have acted immediately as we have received information from the staff member and have acted upon Government and Public Health England advice and recommendations. Public Health England have determined the timeline of any risk and this is the information we have acted upon.
- Public Health England issued the advice to close the two Year 1 bubbles as a precautionary measure. They believe any risk to be low to these groups but we are required to act in the interest of every pupil and every staff member. This decision was not taken lightly and we understand that some parents are disappointed that their child's education has been further disrupted. We too are disappointed.
- Public Health England are the body that would instigate the implementation of a mobile testing unit, this is beyond the control of the school.
- Public Health England are treating this as an isolated case and as stated above are treating it as low risk.
- We are in communication with Public Health England and are closely monitoring the situation which is why we have asked to be notified if any pupils or staff present symptoms or have a positive Covid-19 test.
- No breaches of the school risk assessment have taken place however we are conducting a full review of how we manage the supervision of pupils during wet lunchtimes.
- We are unable to offer individual advice and can only direct you to the Government advice, the link was contained in the letter you received yesterday. We understand from Public Health England that it is only your child that is required to isolate unless they present symptoms, in which case you should follow the relevant government guidance and request a test.

A full school deep clean is taking place today, 25th June, and we will re-open to children of Key Workers tomorrow, Friday 26th June. The school will re-open on Monday 29th June to Reception Bubbles and to Year 1 children who had not previously returned to school. The Year 5 return sessions will continue as planned.

Thank you to all the parents who have contacted us with well wishes for the member of staff who has been affected. We have passed this on and they are grateful for your concern.

We are sorry for any inconvenience that this has caused but I am sure that all families will understand that there is national guidance with regard to the control of Covid-19 within which the school must operate

