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Dear Parents & Carers,

Covid-19 and Bubble closures

As you are all aware, unfortunately we have today had to close the Y6 bubble again following a positive test result for one of the children. First of all my apologies to Y6 parents. This is the second time we have had to tell you to isolate your children, and we know it is not easy. Also, in our rush to get the letter out to the children as they were going home, we forgot to change the wording to 'child' as opposed to an 'adult' testing positive.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few things and ask for your co-operation:

- Please do not start naming staff and accusing them of being the person who has spread the virus in school. On this occasion, it was a child.
- We cannot tell you the name of the child concerned (or any adult for that matter). This is their private medical information and I am sure you would not appreciate it if we discussed your personal or private details in public.
- If you are taking your child for a test, you need to keep us informed so that we can monitor the situation in school.
- If you get a positive test result, you **MUST** inform us as soon as possible. The school office has someone answering the phones from 8.15am – you can also email the admin office to let us know: admin@southcoates.hull.sch.uk
We do not want to bring children in to school if there is a risk of the virus being spread.
- If your child is self-isolating the law states that they **MUST NOT** leave the house.
- Hull now has the highest infection rate in the entire country and we all need to do what we can to fight against the virus. We are keeping all of our arrangements in school in place to keep children safe (hand-washing, bubbles, staggered playtimes, etc.). We need you to help and do your part:
 - Maintain social distancing as much as possible around the school site
 - Keep to the times allocated for drop off and pick up
 - Stand back from gateways to avoid congestion
 - Leave as soon as you have dropped or collected your child
 - Wear a face-mask / covering

- We are following all the advice we are given from Government, the Department for Education (DfE), Public Health England and the Trust (Enquire Learning).
- We understand and appreciate the concerns you have. Most staff in school have children, and we have the same concerns.
- The Government has instructed us that schools must remain open. If we send a child home to self-isolate their absence is authorised. However, if we have not sent them home and they have not been instructed to self-isolate following a positive test result, we have to record their absence as unauthorised. The school register is a legal document and we have got to complete it correctly.
- Illness of any other type (sickness or diarrhoea for example) means that the normal absence procedures are followed.
- If a bubble is closed, we are providing work for children to complete at home. Staff are contacting them daily to support this. The work is what they would be doing in school and will be marked and put in books on their return (though some will be completed online – and then printed out in school).
- The children have been given school email accounts and login details for Purple Mash.

We know that you have all got the best interests of your child at heart and want to make sure they are as safe as possible – we want the same. We also want to make sure that they continue to get their education and make good progress in their learning. Staff are working as hard as they can to try and meet the needs of children both in school and at home. If there is an issue we will do all we can to help; please contact the school office – (01482) 701407

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Take care,



E.R. Chamberlain,
Principal