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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 and 4 Bubble COVID-19 Positive Test Result

A pupil from the Year 3 and 4 Bubble, who was in school on Friday 5th February, has tested positive for Covid-19. The pupil had no symptoms when in school, but developed symptoms later on Friday. The pupil concerned has now received a positive test result since developing COVID symptoms.

Following Government advice (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools> -Section 9) the Year 3 and 4 group have been asked to self-isolate for 10 days from when they last had contact with the positive case, which would have been Friday 5th February. This means that the children in the Year 3 or 4 bubble, who attended school on Friday 5th February, will need to isolate until Monday 15th February. They will return to school as planned after the half term break. If your child was not in school on Friday 5th February, they will not need to isolate. However, the bubble will remain closed until after half term as staff will have to isolate too.

Siblings and Household members of pupils who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the pupil who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If

someone in a group (bubble) that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 10-day isolation period they should follow

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 10-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, they should inform their school immediately, and should isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 10-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home->

[guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](#)

Whilst your child is self-isolating at home, work will be provided by the class teacher via Seesaw. Please check your emails and the Home Learning section of the school website, where your pupil's teacher will be posting learning activities.

Today's decision was not taken lightly; your child's health and well-being remain our highest priority. Public Health England have been informed about this positive case, we await further advice but it seems they (PHE) have been inundated with similar reports today.

We are genuinely disappointed to have had to make this decision today, however the guidance is clear. When or if further information becomes available school will inform parents as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Elliott', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher