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Dear Parents/ Carers,

## COVID-19 Positive Test Result

Today, I have been informed by a Year 3 parent that their child has received a positive Covid-19 result. Year 3 parents have already been contacted regarding this. This is the third positive case in the school.

With extremely high positive Covid-19 rates locally and the effect that this is having on Birmingham Schools, it is a very worrying time for everyone, school leaders included. This concern is compounded by the recent issues regarding the national testing system and the inability to book local tests. With this being the case, it becomes very difficult to implement track and trace measures, if those with symptoms are not able to be tested.

Every time a positive case emerges, our school reports this to Public Health England, who are dealing with all schools and other settings on a national scale. Waiting times to get through to this service for schools are very long and the service is under immense pressure.

Having spoken to many parents over the last couple of days, I understand their concerns about the current situation and the worry that children may be in and out of school over the next few weeks/months if rates of infection continue to be high.

Unfortunately, there is no easy way to answer this, we have to continue to follow local government restrictions, guidance and advice and wait for the infection rate to decline.

As of today (this may change if further positive cases are identified) the timetable for return to school for various year bands is as follows:

Year	Last Contact with a Positive Case	Return to school
Year 2	09/09/2020	24/09/2020
Year 1	10/09/2020	25/09/2020
Year 3	10/09/2020	25/09/2020
Year 5	10/09/2020	25/09/2020
Year 4	11/09/2020	28/09/2020

As a faith school, I ask that we come together to unite as a school community and support each other through this difficult time.

For all those who are currently affected by the pandemic, including the staff member and pupils who tested positive and their families, we pray for their health at this time.

I will continue to keep you updated if and when new information becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs. M. Elliott'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher