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Dear Parent / Carer,

I appreciate that the recent news regarding a child testing positive for Covid-19 will have raised anxieties for some of you. Can I please reassure you that the school is maintaining close contact with Public Health and is following their advice, whilst maintaining our social distancing protocols as outlined in the letter you received in July and again in September.

I have now had further clarification regarding siblings. As you were made aware in the letter that I sent to you yesterday, one class bubble has been asked to self-isolate for 14 days. Public Health have stated that **siblings** of children that have been asked to self-isolate **can continue to attend school** in line with the DFE expectation that all pupils attend, unless they are not well enough to attend school, or have been specifically asked to self-isolate.

Accordingly, we expect all children that are well and have not been asked to self-isolate to be in school tomorrow, and ask that in the case of a child needing to be kept at home because they are not well enough to attend, you follow the school's absence policy giving the reason for the absence. Any unjustified absence will be unauthorised and absence policies followed.

Please note that the school will only be providing work to complete at home for the pupils in the class bubble that has been told to self-isolate or for a child who has been asked to self-isolate specifically through Track and Trace.

I hope this helps to clarify the situation and we thank you all for your understanding at this difficult time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stephanie Praetig
Headteacher

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