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RE: National Lockdown

Dear parents / carers,

As the country moves into another national lockdown, I wanted to reassure you that we are continuing to be vigilant in our Covid practises. Our school will remain open and learning will continue. We would encourage you to send your child to school during this period, however please remember if you have concerns, talk to staff at school and seek clarification if necessary.

Whilst we have not had any bubble closures as of yet, we remain ready for if the situation arises. As numbers of cases have sharply risen in our area, we have seen more schools need to respond to these positive cases and close bubbles for self-isolation purposes. I would stress to all families that there is a need to make contingency plans for the possibility of your child having to self-isolate for an extended period of time. We already have some children self-isolating for precautionary reasons whose families have had to make such contingency plans.

Should the circumstance arrive and your child needs to self-isolate, we have contingency plans in place to ensure your child can access teaching within the school day like their peers who remain in school. You will have received a letter outlining the *Remote Learning* we will offer, providing your child with an access account via Microsoft Teams for face-to-face teaching. Many of our children who are isolating, are already using this to log on whilst at home and be taught remotely.

I would like to reiterate that the government advice is clear; if you have symptoms then you should self-isolate and book a test. Even if your child is not showing symptoms, they need to self-isolate too until you have a negative test result, as they may be asymptomatic and carry the virus.

I ask also again for those parents that can wear masks on school site to do so. As I have previously stated, we will not be policing the non-wearing of masks as people may have good health reasons as to why they aren't able to. If this is the case for yourself though, I ask you to consider whether entering a school site with an increased potential for exposure is the safest option for you and your family if you aren't able to wear a mask. If alternative childcare drop off and collections arrangements within your safety bubble *can* be made, this maybe a safer alternative. If not, we also understand. We are part of your community and as such, we feel it is vital for home and school to work together as a continued partnership for the health and safety of children, families and staff.

Thank you for your continued support, suggestions, and kind words throughout the pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bell (Headteacher)

