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Dear Parents,

I want to tell you about what is happening in school and ask you again for your support as we do our very best to keep people safe in school.

We have now had a positive case in school. Across this school and my other one where we have also had our first positive cases this week I would like to share what we have learned from our experiences and how we will use this information to make things even better once everyone is back in school.

This is what we have discovered:

- We have done very well to get to this point in the term without a positive case.
- Across both schools I have a mixture of positive children and staff. In all of the cases in children, they have not had any symptoms and they are well. Our adults are poorly and we wish them a speedy recovery.
- Our measures in school to separate bubbles has worked so far, with our case being kept to an individual class.

This is what we have done so far as a result of our experience:

- We are tightening even further our measures for staff in school
- We will continue to wash/sanitize our hands frequently and encourage keeping our distance from others, particularly with the older children
- We will continue to keep our bubbles separate and zone the playground so that year groups are separate outside as well as inside

This is what we ask you to do:

- If your child has been asked to isolate – they must be kept inside and not allowed out to play. I know that is really difficult for all children but that is what the law says we are to do.
- Your child, if they have been asked to isolate, has been in some sort of contact with someone who has been tested positive. Please be aware of this if you have vulnerable adults in your bubble and perhaps arrange for them to have a test just in case and be on the lookout for any symptoms in them or in the rest of the family.
- If you have another child in school that is not isolating we realise that it is difficult to keep them at home while bringing your other children to school. From tomorrow we will allow you to bring them to school with you. We ask that you keep hold of their hand and don't allow them to mix with other children not in your family and that they wear a mask as much as they can while in the school playground.

Thank you again for your understanding as we try to navigate these difficult times

Best wishes,

Jacqui Potts