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Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID and therefore the Y4 class bubble has been shut this week along with specific children who have been classed as close contacts of the affected person.

Following government guidance, all families of children potentially affected by this have been informed and the children have been asked to self-isolate this week as a result, with the isolation period ending on 31<sup>st</sup> May (back to normal routines on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June).

There is a very low risk that the children may develop symptoms and become infected with the virus but they have to self-isolate as a precaution. Other members of the household, including other siblings, do not have to self-isolate unless the children at home begin to show symptoms.

Self-isolating means that the children affected should stay at home, and must not mix with other households and friends during the self-isolation period. It is very important that children are not playing out on the streets and in the park if they are meant to be self-isolating.

If parents are unable to bring other children to school because there is a child at home self-isolating, is there another person in your support bubble that can help out, or is it possible for another parent or friend of a child in the same bubble to accompany your other child/children to school?

As children have missed so much education over the last year, it is important for them to come to school as much as possible to catch up on their learning, and their social and personal development, unless there is a specific reason (self-isolation) which prevents this from happening.

As a staff, we do understand the difficulties everyone is facing at the moment, as many of us are parents with our own children at primary and high schools, and we are also juggling childcare and self-isolation. It is important that we all try to support each other and we thank you for your co-operation, patience and understanding with all the changes that are constantly being put into place.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns, and we will do our best to help.

Thank you

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