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Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to clarify some confusion about school arrangements. I know some parents are concerned because we have closed two 'bubbles' and are wondering why we have done this.

Each year group stays in their own 'bubble' with teachers and other staff. These children and staff do not mix with any other year groups. However, in three parts of the school we have three different members of staff who cover classes in two bubbles ie Years 1&2, Years 3&4 and Years 5&6. Unfortunately, it was one of these members of staff that tested positive for Covid-19 last week. As a result, we took the safety-first decision to close two bubbles. There have been no other cases in school and there is no evidence that the virus has spread in school with every other test taken by children or adults coming back negative. From what I have been told, this seems to be the case in other Leicester schools. It seems that people have caught the virus in the community but it has not been caught in school.

Getting children to school

I fully understand parents' concerns and for those with children in both Year 3 or Year 4 and other year groups it can be very difficult to work out how to get children to school when one has to isolate. Parents have come up with creative solutions, using friends or family to help etc. We don't want any children to miss school so please contact us to see if we can help; I worked successfully with two families over the weekend to discuss how to help keep their other children in school.

Keeping children at home because you are worried about the virus should not happen. As ever, please let us know if you have concerns and we will always do our best to help and support. This is a difficult time for everyone and, unfortunately, it will clearly remain difficult for some time. This is why we must work together now to sort out any problems.

Thank-you again for your support in wearing masks and trying to keep socially distanced outside school – this has improved but can still improve further. If you are at all worried then try coming later to drop off and pick up. It is much quieter between 8.55 and 9.00 and from 3.35 to 3.30.

Thank-you for your support

Richard Stone
Headteacher

