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Dear Year 5 Parents

I hope I find you all well.

Further to my letters yesterday and Thursday, we have had another child test positive on a LFD device. Whilst we await a confirmatory PCR from other cases, I wanted to outline the steps that we will take to reduce the risk of further transmission in the class and around the school.

From Monday, the following additional measures will be introduced:

- Until the end of the term we will 'bubble' Year 5 class. They will have separate play and lunchtimes, staggered start and end times, join for remote worship.
- They will unfortunately not be able to join whole school events such as the Panto, Christmas Service and KS2 party. We will, however, hold Christmas activities and events specifically for the Year 5 children. They will have their own party, do Christmas crafts, play games, watch films and have lots of access to the field to play football or run around. Whilst we recognise this is a compromise, we know that the lovely Year 5 spirit will make the most of everything offered.
- Year 5 should arrive at 8.35 am and will be collected from the playground and should be collected at 3.05 pm. This is to reduce the number of children passing through the school at the start and end of the day.
- If your child joins Breakfast Club, they will go straight to Year 5 classroom from 7.45 am and not have contact with the main school breakfast club.
- Please provide old shoes/football boots or boots so the children can enjoy the field throughout the school day.

These measures are in addition to the measures already in place such as enhanced ventilation, cleaning, fogging, classroom organisation etc. We continue to refer to the DfE guidance but however also use our professional judgement, knowledge of the school and health and safety policy to make decisions that we know will work for the children and the school. Thank you to the many parents that have been so incredibly supportive with testing children and supporting our decisions.

The Government still expects attendance to be mandatory and as a school we have to fulfil this expectation. We will obviously continue to update you of any further developments.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

