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Dear Year 5 Parents

COVID Update

Further to my letter yesterday evening, I wanted to update you about a number of further positive cases on LFD tests in the Year 5 class. This morning parents contacted us to say that two further children had tested positive on LFD tests. This means that we have five cases with two confirmed by PCR and the others using LFDs and awaiting further PCR tests or results.

We continue to refer to our Contingency Plan and have decided that whilst we await the confirmatory PCR test results we will temporarily bubble the Year 5 class. This means that they will have separate break and lunchtimes and remain together. We continue to apply our other measures such as a well-ventilated classroom, regular sanitising and thorough cleaning as well as fogging. We would like the Year 5 children to leave the school early today so if it is possible for them to be collected at 3.00 pm this would avoid further mixing.

Year 5 children will be welcome to the disco tonight, however the condition of them attending is that they **must** take a LFD test and have a negative result.

If the other results come back positive on PCRs over the weekend then it is likely that we will continue 'bubbling' the Year 5 children and we will have to look at limiting the Christmas events due to limited mixing. If this does happen, we will obviously attempt to make a unique Year 5 Christmas experience.

I thank you again for your support and will continue to be open and transparent about any further developments.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

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Headteacher

