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Dear Parents

Further to my letters last night I wanted to provide further information and reassurance about the confirmed positive COVID-19 case in Year 1.

Firstly, I want to send our best wishes to the child and family for a swift and speedy recovery. Having been informed late on Monday afternoon that a child had tested positive for COVID-19 the school followed the government guidelines, contacted Public Health England and, acting on their advice, asked all pupils in the relevant year group to remain at home for the next 14 days.

We called all parents in Year 1 to inform them and ensure that they understood that their Year 1 child may potentially have had contact and would need to self-isolate but siblings and other household members would be able to carry on their normal routine. Letters provided by Public Health England were sent to all parents appraising them of the situation and offering further guidance.

It is clear that the child did not contract the virus whilst at school and it is hoped that the swift action taken will prove effective in ensuring that there is no further spread of the disease within the community.

We would like to reassure parents of pupils within the school that Bapchild and Tonge continues to administer all of the guidance rigorously regarding hygiene measures in order to minimise the possibility of any transmission occurring during the school day. We do expect children to be in school if they are well and they will continue to work in their year group bubbles.

The school has quite clear procedures that it has and does follow but 'misinformation' from WhatsApp parent groups and Facebook do not help. It is unfair on parents that we have not been able to speak to if they see postings and messages that whip up anxiety. The messages are clearly given in the letters sent out and the telephone calls from the school staff and this is what should be believed.

The school continues to act in the best interests of all of its school community. We are all trying to get used to working in a very different way and whilst we have done our best to plan for all eventualities, no doubt there will be things that we need to review and change. However, I am confident that with your support we can adapt to new systems.

Yours sincerely

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