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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were notified this evening that a staff member the Year 3 bubble has tested positive for Covid-19.

We have been in touch with the Health Protection Team at Public Health England and the Bourne Education Trust and have made the difficult decision to close the Year 3 bubble for 14 days. This is a precautionary measure in order to reduce the possible spread of the virus to family, friends and the wider community. Others in the same household as Year 3 children, including siblings, **will not need to self-isolate** unless the Year 3 child becomes symptomatic themselves.

We know that you may find this position concerning, and I want to reassure you that we are continuing to take all the necessary steps, as set out in our risk assessment, to reduce the risk of transmission within and between bubbles. Our bubbles remain very separate from each other throughout the day, and we are rigorously applying our cleaning and hygiene measures within and outside the bubbles. Our school risk assessment is available on our website.

If your child is in Year 3, we will have contacted you separately regarding the approach that we have in place. For all other children, please attend school as normal unless you are contacted by Public Health England and advised to self-isolate; or if your child or a member of your family becomes symptomatic.

As a reminder, we have summarised the Government guidance regarding Coronavirus symptoms and ways in which to reduce the transmission below.

Symptoms of COVID19

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

For most people, coronavirus (COVID19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID19 www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing

Anyone who lives with a person who has developed any of the symptoms above must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. Stay at home guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid19-infection>



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How to stop COVID19 spreading

These are the most important things you can do to protect yourself and others from coronavirus:

Do:

- follow the government's rules on social distancing
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Face coverings

If you can, wear something that covers your nose and mouth in places where it's hard to stay away from other people.

There are some places where you must wear a face covering, such as:

- on public transport
- in shops
- when you go to hospital appointments or visit someone in hospital

Important: Some people should not wear face coverings, such as children under 3 and people with breathing difficulties. Further Information is available at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/

I also attach further information on what to do if your child has symptoms, including links you can go to in order to try to access a test.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Kind regards,

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