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Dear Parents of Class 5B

Re: Positive Case of Covid in Class

I am sorry to inform you that we have been made aware of a positive case of Covid within Class 5B. The person affected is now self-isolating and will not be back in school until after their 10-day isolation ends, from the date that their symptoms began or from the day that they tested positive for Covid (where the case was non-symptomatic).

Under the new guidance, this **does not mean** that the bubble has popped or that anything changes in school for the children. School will continue as normal and the classroom which the person used has been deep-cleaned.

As your child may have been in close contact with the infected individual, we are advising parents to be extra vigilant for their child becoming unwell or developing symptoms of Covid and to arrange a PCR if that is the case. Parents may wish to use Lateral Flow Tests with their child regularly during the next week in order to detect any positive cases without symptoms. However, this is just advice and is not compulsory.

The guidance from the DfE is very clear, **children are expected to attend school unless they have symptoms or have tested positive.** By sharing this information, we do not want to alarm parents or for the children to feel unsafe. The reality is that we are now trying to 'live alongside Covid' and the changes take quite a lot of getting used to, considering the strenuous guidance under which we worked previously.

My priority as always is the children's safety, education and well-being. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Clarke
Headteacher