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Dear Parents and Carers of Class Nursery,

Re: Positive case of COVID in class

I'm sorry to inform you that we have been made aware of a positive case of COVID within Nursery class. The person affected is now self-isolating. They will not be back in school until they have either had two successive Lateral Flow Tests starting from the fifth day after their initial positive test, or once their 10 day isolation period 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 in school changes 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 a close contact with the infected individual, we are advising parents to be extra vigilant for their child becoming unwell or developing symptoms of Covid, to regularly Lateral Flow Test as far as possible and arrange PCR tests if required. Under 5's are not required to regularly complete Lateral Flow tests. However, this advice is not compulsory unless you or your child are identified as a close contact of the person by Track and Trace.

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 now is that we are 'living 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 to contact myself or the office.

Yours faithfully

L. Clarke.

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