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Dear EYFS Parents/Carers,

## Re: EYFS Bubble Isolation

We would like to thank everyone for your help and support with the closure of our EYFS bubble this morning. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this has caused and fully understand the frustration that may have resulted from it.

However, first and foremost we need to think about the safety of everyone within our school community. In reaching our decision to have both the Reception and Nursery classes self-isolating we have taken guidance from both The Local Authority and Public Health. They have identified the need for both classes to self-isolate and fully supported this decision.

The nursery and reception classes are in a bubble together because of the way that staff and children work and interact together within the early years setting. This is so we can deliver the whole of the EYFS curriculum with the appropriate staff to pupil ratios throughout the week.

Even though they are one bubble, a positive case would not necessarily cause the isolation of both classes. However, the track and trace work that we have done with Public Health over the contacts that occurred meant that in this instance it was necessary to take this step and self-isolate both classes.

However, going forwards we want to further reduce the risk of this happening and therefore minimize the disruption that the closure of a bubble causes to the children's education and also the wider impact that this has on families. To this end, we will be re-looking at the way we run our early years setting to enable the classes to be run as their own separate bubbles. This will come into effect with the children's return to school after half-term.

In the meantime, we will be supporting the children's home-learning during their period of self-isolation. In the Reception class this will be done by Miss Walsh on Google Classroom. She will meet daily with the children and set them tasks to complete at home. These tasks can either be completed on Google Classroom or done on paper and returned to school after half-term. If for any reason you are struggling with Google Classroom, please get in touch with school and we will try and resolve the problem and if needed, we will send out a pack of material for the children to work on at home. In the Nursery class Miss Hargreaves has put together a pack of activities for the children to keep their learning going. These packs will either be sent out with siblings or will be posted home.

Kind regards,

Mark Foster,  
Headteacher.

