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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been getting used to our new arrangements to try to ensure that the school can operate as fully as possible, whilst minimising risks in line with Government guidance. We have, so far, had two year groups in school and I am pleased to report that they have been extremely cooperative and supportive of our measures.

As you are aware, most students are in Year Group 'Bubbles' and are not mixing with students outside of their year group. Whilst in lessons, they are facing forward and when moving around the school they are in single file or distancing as appropriate.

As anticipated, the most challenging times are our social times as it is difficult for some students to remember to keep apart and follow the general distancing guidelines of 1m+. Staff are giving constant reminders and we would ask all parents to reinforce the need for this. Most social time is happening outdoors, which again minimises the risk of transmission of the virus. Staff must stay 2m from students and each other wherever possible as they are not part of a 'bubble' and so need this further level of protection.

I am immensely grateful to our staff who have been fantastic and are working incredibly hard to make this work as best they can. Please continue to be patient and kind in your dealings with staff as they are coping with an enormous strain at the present time.

I am also grateful to our students, who have shown themselves to be sensible mature young people who are behaving extremely well.

You may be aware that schools across the country are starting to see cases occur leading to a range of different responses. Each response will relate to the individual circumstances of the school, their risk assessment and Public Health England advice.

I would remind you that if your child displays any symptoms of Covid19 they must self-isolate, take a test and the school will need to be informed immediately. If symptoms occur in school, the individual will be isolated until they can be collected and medical staff will attend to them wearing PPE.

When the school receives confirmation of a positive Covid19 case, we will contact Public Health England straight away for advice. I have attached the flow chart that we follow in this case for your information. Public Health Officials will then work to understand the circumstances of the case along with our school arrangements and the protective measures we have in place. Public Health will then advise as to what action the school must take. We will always follow the advice from Public Health. When isolated cases occur, it will not always be necessary or appropriate to inform others,

but those who need to know following the advice given, will be informed and given appropriate advice to follow from the letter issued by Public Health.

I wanted to clarify this aspect of the full re-opening so that all members of the school community are aware of what happens should a case be confirmed now that this has been made clear to us. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Burrige
Headteacher

