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Dear Parents & Carers,

Update on the Year 5 Bubble Closure

As promised, I am updating you regarding the Year 5 bubble closure situation.

Today, we have been made aware that we have at least one confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) within Year 5 at Oak Hill Academy. There are other Year 5 children who are also awaiting their PCR test results today.

I am following all DFE and Public Health England advice and guidance on this; it is not a decision I myself have any responsibility for. The DFE have informed us that these are the measures we have to follow.

As the positive PCR test result came back this morning, all Year 5 children and staff will have to self-isolate and remain at home for 10 days. This is the incubation period for the virus and is what Public Health England require schools to do.

Day one of isolation for all Year 5 children includes Saturday 10th July, therefore, all Year 5 children and staff will not be able to return to school until Tuesday 20th July 2021.

I would advise any parents who have children who are coughing, have a high temperature, or who have lost their sense of taste or smell to book a Coronavirus PCR test for the whole family. Please **do not send your children to school!**

If children come to school presenting these symptoms, we will be asking you to collect your child immediately. Failure to do so could result in more bubble closures and this is something I am very keen to avoid!

Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop any symptoms within the next 10 days. This also includes siblings in other year groups who are able to come to school as normal, **unless they display symptoms.**

Getting a PCR test for a close contact of a case?

It is now also possible for close contacts to have a PCR test even where they do not have symptoms through [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) or by calling 119.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- 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

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

As always, I will keep you informed if there are any updates or further information/developments.

Please check your phone and emails regularly.

Yours sincerely

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