Dear Parents and Carers

Positive COVID-19 Test within the Year 4 Bubble

Due to a staff member testing positive for COVID-19, I am in the unfortunate position of informing you that our *Year 4 bubble will need to start self-isolating with immediate effect*. This means that all staff and children in this year group bubble will have to self-isolate and remain at home until Tuesday 29th December 2020 *if they were present in school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday last week*. It is only your child who needs to isolate, not the rest of your family. This is because your child has not shown any COVID symptoms and is isolating as a precaution.

You must not get a test for your child unless they become symptomatic. Please only arrange to have your child tested if they develop COVID symptoms. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, your whole household should self-isolate until you have a negative test result. If they test positive, please inform school and ensure your household isolates for 10 full days from the start of their symptoms.

*Please be assured that this is only a precautionary measure to stop the spread of the virus and to keep everyone at potential risk as safe as possible.*

I am so sorry for having to ask your child to isolate over Christmas – this is the unfortunate position that schools have been put in and there was always a chance that this could happen, regardless of the measures we have in place in school. I hope your families are still able to enjoy some precious time together over the holiday period.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in this matter as we all work together to keep everyone safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher