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Dear parent/carer,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. As you may or may not know, we as a school receive updated guidance from the Government and the Local Authority on a regular basis as we move through this ever-evolving situation. Although we manage to keep up to date with all this information and have weekly meetings with all staff to do this we are not able to deliver all the changes and updates to parents and carers in the same fashion. Therefore, I will be emailing from now on to give you any updates which may contradict or be different from the original guidance we were led by.

The main change that I want all parents to be aware of at the moment is when we sent out our last letter to all parents we stated:

If a child (or staff member) becomes ill, they will be taken to a separate room and kept in isolation. They will remain under adult supervision who will be in full PPE. If they need to use the bathroom they will use a separate bathroom. Both rooms will need to be deep-cleaned. All children and staff in that bubble will be sent home and told to self-isolate, book a test and wait for the results. If results are negative, they can return, if they are positive then the government's isolation procedure should be followed.

Since this letter was released we have had numerous updates and advice from the Government and the Local Authority. The latest guidance published by the Local Authority (dated the 10<sup>th</sup> June) now states that this guidance has changed, primarily:

- Suspected cases do not require a bubble or school to close immediately
- Areas that person has been will still be deep cleaned in line with guidance
- If staff members are affected bubbles may close temporarily if no other suitable staff are available

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- If a case is suspected, the guidance says that we should not communicate it until it is confirmed

As this is different from what was originally prescribed to you I wanted you to know this is how we will be operating, in line with Local Authority guidance, going forward. I have had a meeting, alongside many other Heads, with Public Health officials to confirm this guidance. We will continue to provide updated guidance at our earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support and take care,

Best wishes,

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