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Dear Parents and Carers

It will come as no surprise to you that positive cases of Covid 19 at Sabden Primary are on the rise. Currently we are aware of 12 positive cases in school but feel that the number is probably much higher amongst those children who have not been tested. We have closed three of our four bubbles for the 10 day self-isolation period and our last, and forth, bubble was closed today for two days due to someone showing symptoms and waiting for the results of a PCR.

I know many of you are testing your children and I thank you for that.

Throughout the pandemic, and particularly over the last week or so, I have been keeping in touch with Lancashire County Council, the Governors and Public Health. I wrote and distributed a Risk Assessment in March 2021 for the re-opening after the national lockdown and so far, this has kept transmission and positive cases extremely low. Whilst we have done fantastically well at keeping the school open and running as normally as possible it appears that over the last week or so Covid has finally got the better of us.

With this in mind I am very conscious that all bubbles are due to return to school next week for either 4 or 5 days before we break up for the summer holiday. I am more than aware that during these few days your child may come to school and then the bubble closes again with the added injury of further positive cases. I already know of several children who will not be returning to school until after the summer holiday in September.

I am meeting with the school's Governing Body tonight but in the meantime would appreciate your thoughts on either keeping the school open or closing it until after summer. I know that whatever decision is made I will be damned if I do and damned if I don't, that is just the stuff of leading a school, but I am interested in what you have to say.

If you have any thoughts, comments, opinion then please email me at [head@sabden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@sabden.lancs.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

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