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Dear Parents and Carers

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Just a quick update on the lay of the land here at Sabden Primary.

Currently the whole school has closed to pupils due to every child having been in close contact with a positive case!!! Words fail me. I have been teaching since 1988 (I know, and I keep telling the children I'm 36!) and have never known anything like this to happen before. But none of us have really and so, we just need to get on with it and no doubt see sunshine at the end of it all.

We re-open next Monday to Classes 1 and 2 and next Tuesday to Nursery and Reception. I understand and fully support those families who have decided not to return children to school and make no judgements whatsoever.

If you could just drop me an email letting me know if they aren't coming back it would help our attendance logging and our management of bubbles for the last week.

For those children that are coming back we are going to have to be extremely strict with all hygiene measures for the last few days. All reading books need to be in school on the day of return but please do not bring in reading book bags – they can stay at home. If coats aren't needed leave them at home too and packed lunches need to be brought in disposable wrappers rather than packed lunch boxes. Basically, we are trying to eliminate as much transmission as we possibly can. Water bottles can stay at home and we will ensure that every child has enough to drink during the day using disposable and/or sterilised beakers and cups.

Children visiting the toilet will be supervised at several set times during the day and will need to clean the seat and handle with an anti-bacterial wipe after using the loo. Hand washing will continue as it has been over the last 17 months. Children will use the inside corridors as little as possible and use outside exits to get to the playground, back into class etc.

KS1 and KS2 children will clean their tables with a wipe before lunch and before going home. EYFS and KS1 children will continue to eat their lunches in the hall whilst KS2 will remain in class.

Whilst it all sounds a bit doom and gloom staff are determined to do what they can to make the last few days of this academic year cheery and fun so please don't think that our lovely school is going to resemble a Victorian workhouse for the last few days.

Unfortunately, we won't be seeing Class 3 again before we break up and we are particularly sad at missing out on giving our Year 6 Leavers a proper send off. It is heart breaking that once again we can't celebrate their achievements as much as we would like. Hopefully, something can be arranged over the summer holidays.

We understand that some parents are in credit for cancelled trips, dinner money and the like and our fantastic office staff will do their best to reimburse anyone out of pocket. Although they are on to it, I cannot guarantee that it will happen before we break up, but I know they will do their best. We will prioritise Year 6 parents in the first instance.

Best wishes

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