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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well particularly in the light of rising COVID-19 cases in our area.

Please can I reiterate the protocol that we are currently working under regarding positive cases of COVID-19 in your household.

1. School no longer has isolated bubbles, all children are now allowed to mix freely but at Sabden we are still trying to keep the children as separate as possible for most of the day and we aim to practice social distancing as much as is practical.
2. We are continuing with frequent handwashing in school and using sanitizer and wipes where appropriate.
3. Staff are continuing to lateral flow test at least twice weekly. All staff are double vaccinated and starting to have their booster vaccinations when this is made possible.

Children who are living with or who are a close contact of anyone testing positive for COVID-19 can continue to come to school and carry on their education. However, we would ask that common sense prevails and that if a close contact does test positive then the whole household undertakes a lateral flow test and continues to do so over the next 5 days. If you are advised to or feel the need for your child to go for a PCR test, please do not send them into school until the results have been issued, again we ask that you do not send them into school during the day and then undertake a PCR test after school. If you are concerned enough to complete a PCR test you must realise that you could be sending your child to school with the virus.

If a member of your household or a close contact does test positive for COVID-19, I personally view it as a courtesy to inform school. This will enable staff to take extra precautions but also allow us to exercise increased vigilance in looking for any signs of symptoms in your child in order to protect the school community.

As ever our only aim in all of this is to keep our school open so that children can keep on learning.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

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