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Dear Parents / Guardians

Now we have our list of pupils attending school finalised and we have all our systems and procedures working, it feels much more settled for the children. However, this can change in an instant and we then have to move to the systems to close bubbles to control the spread of infection.

In addition to the situation we constantly face of an adult or child becoming unwell in school and subsequently testing positive for Covid, we also now have the possibility that school staff test positive with the lateral flow tests. Due to the infection rate in Shropshire it feels like it will be a situation of when we use these procedures, not if.

Effectively, all parents with children in school need to have their own systems in place for the situation when we have to close one bubble or more for a period of time. This may mean checking emails more frequently, making sure we have reliable contact information and making sure that in the event of having to isolate and remove a child from school you are able to pick your child up within half an hour of being contacted. If I receive a call from a member of staff in the evening to report a positive test result, I will close the bubble from home that evening to give parents more time to make alternative childcare arrangements.

Apart from being available to pick up your child if unwell, the only thing you can do as parents to ensure we stay open for as long as possible is not to take any risks when sending your child to school. If they have any of the main symptoms, you must keep them at home and have them tested with a PCR test while the rest of the family self-isolate.

Yours sincerely

Mr Thompson