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Dear Parents/carers

Re: Closure of bubble – Reception/Y1 classes in the annexe as of end of school on Monday 5th October 2020

Unfortunately, as you are all aware, we have had our first positive case of Coronavirus from a member of our setting in the annexe building. We did not receive the phone call confirming the positive result until almost home time on Monday afternoon.

We had just enough time to send out the 'standard' Local Authority and Public Health England letter with a couple of amendments. Luckily, we already had the home learning packs photocopied and ready to go which helped enormously.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify a few points which will hopefully be helpful.

Firstly, the children in Reception and Year 1 are due back in school on **Monday 19th October** if they are **well** and **symptom free**. All children and staff in Reception and Year 1 must self-isolate for 14 days and this means that your child cannot leave the house to go shopping, dropping siblings off at school or for any reason at all. This is a legal requirement. This does not apply to the rest of the family unless they have symptoms. Furthermore, the weekend before the 19th October – Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th, your child does not need to self-isolate as the 14 days will have been completed by then.

Getting siblings to school we know is causing problems for families due to the above restrictions. We know that you are all taking this situation very seriously and we appreciate your help and support. If we can help in any way, please contact school (email or telephone) so that we can find a workable solution.

Staff in Reception and Year 1 will be keeping in touch with you via telephone calls and emails and this should be at least twice a week if not more. They will then liaise with school and support you individually as needed.

Our office staff are currently organising vouchers for families who qualify for means tested benefits. These families will receive £12 per week which equates to £2.40 per day. The vouchers will be emailed to parents and will be for Tesco. If you think that you qualify for Free School Meals (not the universal offer for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) please go on Oldham Council's website and complete the necessary application. School will then be notified and vouchers can be paid retrospectively.

Home Learning packs are paper based at the moment but if you'd prefer online resources, and favoured this option when we asked earlier this term, please let Mrs Austin (Reception) or Miss Bamber (Year 1) know and they can organise this. As stated before, if you or your child needs help or advice with the learning, staff will be contacting you to offer this support.

Over the next 14 days (and beyond), if anyone in your home has symptoms of the Coronavirus, please book a test and let school know the result whether it is negative or positive. It is vital that we think of all our children and staff in our school community so that we don't put them at risk unnecessarily.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding at this very difficult time. I appreciate that the circumstances are far from ideal for anyone. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact school and we will do our very best to help in any way that we can.

Take care everyone.

Kind regards

Mrs Glynn

Head Teacher