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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for all of the understanding that you have shown us this week in what has proven to be very challenging for all of us. I do understand the frustrations that you face as we close a class bubble, but please be assured that we are acting within government guidelines and Bolton Public Health Team advice.

I am writing to clarify the timescales for your child to stop their self-isolation and their return to school date:

- Your child's self-isolation can end at midnight on Friday 27th November.
- Your child returns to school on Monday 30th November (if well and not symptomatic).

If your child develops symptoms whilst their bubble is closed and consequently tests positive for coronavirus, please let school know, as your child would then need to start a 10-day isolation period and may not be able to return to school on the date stated above. I also need to inform Bolton Public Health of positive cases, so it is vital that you let us know if this becomes the case for your child. There is no need to get your child tested if they are well and are not showing any symptoms. If your child has a test, and this is a negative result, they still need to continue with the self-isolation period, and will not be able to return to school until the class bubble does. This is because your child could still develop symptoms within the 14-day period.

Class teachers are preparing online learning activities for your child through either 'Tapestry' (EYFS) or 'SeeSaw' (KS1 and 2). It is very important that you support your child to access the relevant learning platform and complete the tasks set; this helps them to continue with the planned curriculum. Class teachers are providing feedback and marking to the online tasks set in KS1 and 2. EYFS staff in Little Saints and Nursery will also be responding to parents through Tapestry. If you are unable to access online learning, there are paper based work packs that can be collected from the office. The paper based tasks are 'generic' tasks suitable for your child at this point in the school year, but don't necessarily link directly to the learning that is taking place online. The expectation is that pupils will either complete online or paper work; paper based work packs must be brought back into school when the bubble reopens for marking.

We are here to help you during this time. If you have any concerns around your child or their siblings then please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you again for your continued support; we are all trying to do our very best through very difficult circumstances.

Your sincerely,

Mrs L Belfield
Principal