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Dear Parent/Carer

Following on from the message yesterday regarding the case of coronavirus in Reception, I am writing to provide a little more information.

As stated in the letter, siblings of children in Reception should continue to come to school as long as they show no symptoms. I have received a couple of calls/emails from parents about drop off and collection. I realise that this could be challenging as your Reception child needs to self-isolate and cannot come into contact with anyone outside their family, which means, of course, that they cannot walk to school. We cannot authorise the absence of children outside the Reception bubble as, other than organisational difficulties, there is no reason for them not to be in school. We need them to access school as much as they are able to, given the past few months and the potential of further disruption this year.

Perhaps I could suggest that you ask family and friends who are coming in this direction to bring siblings to school or ask employers if there is any way to flex start and finish times. I realise that none of this is ideal but we are dealing with very unusual circumstances and, as a school, our priority is the safety, wellbeing and education of the children.

Please remember your child does not need a test unless they develop symptoms. Please inform the school if your child does have a positive result after having a COVID-19 test. This information will help us to monitor the situation in school and help to control and isolate any further outbreak. Thank you for your support.

You will be receiving guidance from the class teachers about home learning over the next two weeks. Mrs. Tench and Mrs. Trow are available via Tapestry to answer any questions and respond to queries.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher