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Dear Parents/Carers,

Partial Bubble Closure

As you may be aware, we have had a positive case of Covid-19 in Blyton class. Blyton class are, therefore, self-isolating until Tuesday 8th December 2020.

The Local Outbreak Response Team (LORT) asked us to work with them on contact tracing to identify any other children or staff who had had close contact (according to the official definitions) on Tuesday as this was the only time that contact could have happened outside of the class. From this, we have established that 4 pupils from Morpurgo also needed to isolate. The other children in Morpurgo may have had limited contact but this is not believed to be 'direct' or 'close' contact and, therefore, did not need to self-isolate.

In this particular case, the time frame for contact was smaller and it has been easier to identify and, thereby, limit the number of people needing to self-isolate rather than having to close the whole bubble. This applies to staffing also who have been able to identify whether or not they had close contact with the positive case. The use of social distancing whenever possible has helped to reduce the number of close contacts. Please be assured that we undertook a full risk assessment with LORT.

I hope that this clarifies why, on this occasion, we did not have to ask more staff and pupils to self-isolate.

Training Day – 4th December 2020

Please note that 4th December is a TED Day and the school will be closed to pupils. The training hours on this day have been allocated so that all staff can carry out mandatory three yearly Safeguarding Training (remotely of course!).

The final training day, this academic year, is on Monday 4th January, where staff are continuing on the development of the Bewdley Primary School Curriculum and developing their understanding of the responsibilities of curriculum leaders.

I appreciate that the children have had quite a lot of time at home this year due to Covid-19 but staff have continued to work throughout and the TED days (in line with government guidance) are important in ensuring that mandatory training can take place, as well as ensuring that all staff are equipped with the knowledge and understanding to support school development.

Thank you for patience and understanding!

Kind regards

Jane Woakes