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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday the Yorkshire Evening Post reported that 3 cases of Covid-19 had been reported in three different Leeds Primary schools. As a result, 1 school had closed to all pupils whilst 2 had closed bubble groups.

This shows that Cocid-19 is prevalent in Leeds and is affecting Leeds schools. In school we are doing everything we can to minimise contact between group bubbles. This model of social distancing means that any confirmed cases would result in the closure of the bubble containing that member of staff or pupil only and would enable the school to remain open. It is a model designed to keep staff and pupils from different bubbles safe.

This can only work with your help. We need you to ensure that children are not mixing with pupils from other bubbles outside of school unless they are immediate family members from the same household.

We appreciate that under social distancing regulations groups of up to 6 are able to meet outside following social distancing guidelines but equally know that children find these guidelines impossible to follow. We know that children want to play out with friends from other bubbles and understand how much this social interaction is important to them. However, we know that when children are playing out they are not adhering to social distancing guidelines.

We therefore have to ask that you help us to keep our whole school community safe. We need pupils not to be playing with pupils from other bubbles. If this does happen we need to ask that it is outdoors, supervised and that social distancing guidelines are maintained.

Failure to do this could result in your child's school place being withdrawn. This is something that I want to avoid but is something I have to consider if pupils are not following social distancing guidance:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing

You will understand that schools are in a very difficult position at the moment and my job as Principal is to keep staff and pupils safe. I can only do this with your help.

Yours sincerely

D. Foulke

Principal















