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Dear Parent and Carers

Positive Test Result

Unfortunately, I am writing to you to confirm that the Staffordshire Local Outbreak Team have advised the school that we need to close the **Ladybirds' Class bubble**. This is due to the high probability that a child in the class has COVID - 19. Both parents have tested positive, the child is now displaying symptoms and the new variant is far more transmissible.

You must arrange for your child to be collect from school immediately.

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 10 Days

We have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected case. In line with the national guidance we recommend that your child now **stays at home** and self-isolates until **Saturday 30th January**. Your child must not go to any public areas: your child must remain at home. Further details of what your child needs to do are in [NHS Guidance](#).

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. If you need support with isolation, please contact your local Council.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or

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- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, or public areas, even for exercise.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the [NHS website](#).

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information

Further information is available at [nhs.uk](#)

We understand that these are anxious times for families and appreciate your understanding. Please be assured we have informed you as soon as we were able.

Yours faithfully



Mr David Wood
Headteacher