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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

In light of the statement that I sent out last night, and the temporary closure of the Y5 and Y6 bubbles, I wanted to take the opportunity to keep you informed with regards to the current situation.

In the interests of the safety of our whole school community, and on the advice given from Blackpool Council and The Sea View Trust, a difficult yet swift decision had to be made. Having read many of your comments and concerns, I would like to explain our current position.

To clarify:

- The Y5 and Y6 pupils and staff must self-isolate up to and including Friday 2nd October 2020, regardless of whether they show symptoms or whether they are tested and receive a negative result. The Y5 and Y6 bubbles will therefore reopen to both the children and the staff on Monday 5th October 2020; start and end of the day timings will remain the same for both bubbles.
- Other members of the same household, including siblings in school, do not need to self-isolate, unless a member of the household becomes symptomatic.
- Online learning has resumed for pupils in Y5 and Y6. If you are unable to access this learning, please contact the school office and a paper copy of work will be prepared and sent as soon as possible.

In addition:

- Please always follow the current guidelines for social distancing. These guidelines include keeping a 2-metre distance where possible and respecting the rule of 6.
- If possible, ensure only one adult per family comes to the school gates to drop off or pick up your children.

Please can I remind you that, as a school community, we all have a responsibility to follow government guidelines to keep our families and our staff as safe as possible.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has expressed concern for our member of staff. They are safe and well and I know that your well-wishes have been much appreciated.

I will update you again when I have more information.

Thank your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr D.P. Simm
Headteacher

