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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the letter I sent out this morning regarding temporary closure of Class 2 due to a positive test result, I am writing to reassure you of the measures in place to protect the whole of the school community. I understand that this is a worrying time for everyone, but we are doing all we can in school to keep children and adults safe.

As you are aware the school has a comprehensive risk assessment that can be found on our school website. This is regularly reviewed and updated by myself. Visitors to the school are limited.

Within school we are operating 4 bubbles.

- Class 1 Nursery and Reception
- Class 2 Year 1 & Year 2
- Class 3 Year 3 & Year 4
- Class 4 Year 5 & Year 6

Each class has its own area within school to use, and rooms are not shared during the day without thorough cleaning in between use. Children eat lunch within their bubble and spend break times within their bubble in separate designated outside areas.

We have comprehensive cleaning check sheets in each room, including toilet and hand washing areas, to ensure that all areas are cleaned thoroughly each afternoon after the children have left the building. We have a robust system for deep cleaning an area if a positive case is identified.

In addition to this, we use a fogging machine each morning in every area in school and on outdoor equipment to ensure that it is thoroughly cleaned with a special solution that kills many germs including COVID-19. We sterilise equipment that is shared by pupils, and all pupils have their own pencil cases and equipment. All of these measures are in addition to regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser and good hygiene practices.

I am in regular contact with Public Health England and the Local Authority, and I ensure that any cases are reported to them. We follow the guidance that is received from them very carefully.

I will continue to keep you up to date and inform you at the earliest possible opportunity if the situation in school changes.

If you have any concerns please contact me via the school office to discuss these with me.

Finally, can I please stress that we are doing everything we can in school to separate children and keep them in their bubble. **As we are in a local lockdown area, it is unlawful for different households to mix, that includes children playing out together. Please help protect our Burnhope community and follow this law.**

Stay safe,

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Adamson
Headteacher

