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'Nothing will be impossible with God'*

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Dear Parent / Carers,

I write with further information regarding the recent bubble closures. We had a confirmed case and so the DfE direction was to close that bubble. The DfE also asked me to ensure all additional contacts of the confirmed case were also traced. The confirmed case had attended a non-school related, after school birthday party on the field on Friday evening. This meant that all attending the party had to be assumed in close proximity to the confirmed case. Therefore, anyone attending the party is required to isolate.

Birthday parties are quite a tricky thing for us all to manage. We all want to celebrate a birthday, particularly our children's given the difficult year they have had. Whilst current restrictions allow these parties to go ahead, as the Head teacher of a school where such an event has had a significant impact, I would strongly advise you not to attend or host a children's party, just until restrictions are lifted further. We all want to get to the end of the school year with all children in school. If you chose to attend or host a party, I would also strongly advise that you risk assess the situation and ask sensible Covid safety questions, such as - can good social distancing be maintained? Are there adequate facilities for good hand hygiene? Are there adequate resources to maintain good respiratory hygiene? Should you choose to attend or host a party and a confirmed case is identified, I would also ensure you have adequate provision in place to accommodate a possible isolation period.

With the announcement made by Boris Johnson, The Prime Minister yesterday, I am hopeful that the lifting of restrictions will go ahead and that the subsequent changes in the way schools manage outbreaks, will mean that the impact of such non-school activities will be reduced. Until then we are still subject to the strict direction of the DfE in isolating to protect community members.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter,

Lisa Crossland  
Head Teacher

Margaret Lovell  
Chair of Governors