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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Letter from the Headteacher

I am writing to give you an update on our process for contact tracing in the event of a confirmed positive COVID-19 test.

If we are notified of a case over the weekend, the affected year group bubble will be closed and move to remote learning on the following Monday. This will allow us sufficient time to work out all of the possible contacts of the affected person and ensure we ask the right students to self-isolate following on from this contact. If your child is required to self-isolate you will be contacted via email and this email will be personalised with the name of your child to ensure there is no confusion should you have multiple children at the school.

If we are notified of a case on a school day but after 1pm, we will also be closing the affected year group bubble on the following day to ensure sufficient time to contact trace. The affected year group that will be required to isolate on the following day and move to remote learning during this time. We will then make contact, via email, for those students who will unfortunately be required to self-isolate for a period of time.

In both of these circumstances we will revert to our Tier 2 education protocol with remote learning and live lessons for the day of isolation.

This week has seen the return of many students, and it has been great to welcome them back. I am pleased to report that learning is going well, both remotely from home and in the classroom. There is a real purpose amongst our students and a culture for learning. I am so pleased with how dedicated our students have been to their studies since returning to school in September.

October marks Black History Month in the UK. Please take a look at our Twitter (@MaidenErleghSch). Each day we are celebrating the contributions of people of colour to the historical development of Britain and the world. It has been great to highlight so many influential people to our students and wider community. Each day students will also be learning about these influential figures through their tutors.

I would also like to mention that tomorrow, 10 October, is World Mental Health Day. Shortly, our students will be having an assembly on this topic. It is important that students are given as much information as possible to help support them in looking after their own mental health; especially in such difficult times. If you ever have any concerns regarding your child's mental wellbeing please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you.

Finally, thank you for all of your support in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson Headteacher