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Following the recent correspondence confirming our first positive cases of Covid-19 and subsequent bubble closures we appreciate that for most parents these are uncertain and worrying times.

Mrs Eales, the Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Governors have been working closely together throughout the pandemic to ensure the School was prepared for this unfortunate eventuality. As a team our actions have taken account of Government guidance with the focus on protecting the safety, health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff.

Since our first confirmed positive case last week, Mrs Eales has been in constant contact with Public Health England and Buckinghamshire Council to ensure we are following government guidelines. Our main priority is to keep our pupils, staff members and wider community as safe as possible. Whilst we now have positive cases within the school, we are doing everything possible to keep as much of school open for face to face teaching as we can.

As a community, we all have a responsibility to keep ourselves and our families safe. We thank the great majority of people who have followed the school guidelines of social distancing and wearing a mask when on school grounds and we ask that you continue your efforts with this. Of course, social distancing guidelines should also be adhered to during our journeys to and from school whilst outside of school grounds. Although challenging, it is critical we do everything possible to prevent bubbles mixing outside of school hours in some of the open spaces in our village.

From the start of this school year the cleaning processes have been increased in both thoroughness and frequency, in accordance with our risk assessments. Prior to welcoming back class bubbles, each affected classroom will remain unused and will undergo a thorough deep cleaning process.

We particularly thank all our members of staff who continue to support our pupils, either through continued face to face teaching or home schooling. We also recognise the additional efforts of our parental community who, once again, are having to juggle work and personal commitments. As always, our pupils continue to show great determination and resilience through these unprecedented times.

Whilst there is hope that forthcoming vaccines will help us beat this virus, these will not have any impact during this current wave. We thank you in advance for your continued efforts to help keep our school and wider community as safe as possible.

During this ever-changing situation we are aiming to communicate as clearly and quickly as we can and welcome any feedback so we can address any concerns as swiftly as possible.