



Dear Parent

I am writing to clarify the decisions made regarding Year 5 and only closing Year 6 class. I am in a difficult position regarding data protection and understand the questions, but will state that our positive case is an adult in school who only works in Year 6.

They do not have any close contact with Year 5 class at any point in the week. We follow guidelines from the DFE and Health Protection regarding contact with a positive case. As per the current guidance, any student or staff member that you consider to be a close contact is defined as:

- having face-to-face contact with someone less than 1 metre away inside (this will include times where you have worn a face covering or a face mask)
- spending more than 15 minutes within 2 metres of someone

Therefore, only those children with close contact with the positive case are asked to isolate which is no children in Year 5. Year 5 and 6 are in a bubble and even child to child do not have this close contact between them. They share a play area with some distant contact but not close as defined above. No Year 6 children have any symptoms so the Health Protection Team state that Year 5 are safe to attend school. Therefore, that is what we have to implement as a school. As a school, we would never not follow the guidance or put children at any unnecessary risk.

Yours sincerely

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