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Dear Parents/Carers,

I thought that I would update you on the situation at Rokesly Juniors.

Currently there are two year 3 class pods closed and one year 5 class pod closed due to one or two children in the affected classes testing positive for Covid 19.

As well as children self-isolating, there are also a number of adults that have had to self-isolate too as a result of close contact with the children that tested positive. At present none of the adults have developed symptoms.

Each of the bubbles that are closed are still learning using remote learning packs.

We are desperate to keep the school open, but we need your help in the following ways:

- Even after lock down is lifted please try and limit the number of social interactions that you and your child are having with others.
- Communicate with the school office via email or telephone. Only come into the school building in an emergency. You will not be able to come inside when collecting from after school clubs.
- Wear a mask on the school site and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell.

Some of the children who tested positive had headaches, vomiting and cold like symptoms. It is important that you help us by keeping your child at home if your child displays any of these and contact the school office on 0208 348 0290.

When notified of a positive test result I contact the Department for Education (DFE), the local public health team and the local authority. The DFE carry out a risk assessment over the phone based on the information that I provide. It is at this stage that a decision as to what happens next is made.

Thank you to all the parents in the affected classes that responded so quickly when contacted. It is really important for us to have your up to date contact details on file. Please contact the school office to let us know if you have changed your contact details.

Finally, please may I remind you that all children are expected to attend school, unless they are unwell or their class bubble is closed. We maintain our class bubbles in order to limit the amount of contact between different groups of children.

As a school we continue to work as a team to keep the children, staff and extended school community safe. We are looking forward to having all classes back in school.

Warm regards,

Bola Soneye-Thomas
Headteacher