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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Sunday! I know, I know - you thought you'd escaped me for a couple of days! ☺
Sorry for interrupting your weekend, but in the spirit of being open and transparent, and therefore communicating what I know to you when I know it, I wanted to pass on some information.

I was informed by a family this morning that their pre-schooler was vomiting in the night and subsequently had a temperature. The sibling of the pre-schooler, who is in Mrs Beasley's EYFS/Year 1 bubble, has absolutely no symptoms of anything and is currently bouncing off the walls ☺. No other member of the household feels ill either, just the younger child. As a precautionary measure, the whole family is having a Covid-19 test today just to rule this out, and the Elton sibling will not return to the bubble until a negative test result is received (hopefully in 48 hours).

As there hasn't been anybody at school with symptoms, and because we had such a lovely first week back, we will continue as planned tomorrow (all bubbles open for business) but I wanted to pass this information on in case it affected how you felt – you can change your mind without judgement. I believe in being honest, and know that you need to be armed with all the information I have at my disposal to make the best decision for your family.

I anticipate that there'll be a lot of similar communication with you over the next few weeks; children (and particularly babies and pre-schoolers) are of course susceptible to all sorts of conditions and viruses which can bring about a temperature – it's a pretty generic symptom of most things! However at the moment, it's really important that we are cautiously sensible, and think about everyone's needs not just our own. Thank you to the family for doing the right thing.

Just a reminder therefore:

- If your child starts to display any symptoms of Covid-19, please let me know straight away (preferably before the start of the school day) so that I can close down the relevant bubble. This bubble will remain closed until either a negative result is received (likely to be 48 hours) or until the period of isolation is over.
- If your child has any kind of discomfort, even if you are sure it isn't Covid-19 (eg toothache, earache) please keep them at home. Do not give them Calpol and send them into school as it could mask other symptoms over the course of the day.
- If a member of your household displays symptoms of Covid-19, then please isolate as a family until a negative test result is received/the period of isolation ends. Do not send your child into school, even if they seem unaffected.

Thank you for your continued support – I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Claire Arnold

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