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Dear Parent,

In discussion with the Executive Team at Venturers Trust, we have made the decision to **close the Year 5 bubble** as we have been informed of a positive COVID test result. As you know, we have put extensive measures in place to ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible as we have welcomed our young people back to school.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected person. In line with the national guidance we ask that your child now stays at home and self-isolates.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

Your child's self-isolation period will end at the end of the day on Friday 18th June at midnight (leading into Saturday 19th).

If your child is well at the end of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

Year 5 will reopen for pupils on Monday 21st June

If your child requires a laptop for home learning, parents can collect one from the office on Monday morning (14th June).

Free School Meal packed lunches will be provided for next week. There will be further information via text message on Monday morning.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stayat-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to be tested by calling 119 or via the NHS online portal <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stayat-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

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