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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update from the Headteacher - Year 3 sent home

I write to keep you informed of a decision that was made on Friday to send home our Year 3 children as a precautionary measure. That decision was made in response to a number of parents informing us that their child was unwell and presenting with a high temperature.

It is very important that you understand that our approach is strongly motivated by our duty of care and desire to educate. However, most important is our responsibility to safeguard our children and our community. I hope that you trust we are doing our very best in these unprecedented times.

So far, eight incidences of children with a high temperature in Year 3 have been reported. We have not had any confirmed cases of Coronavirus. Nevertheless, eight cases of high temperatures in such a short space of time is very unusual, and given the global coronavirus pandemic, you will appreciate this has given us reason to think carefully about our response.

During this time, we ask parents to inform us if their child develops symptoms over the weekend so we can have a clearer understanding of the number of children with symptoms. Given that the cases of children with symptoms in Year 3 emerged over Thursday & Friday this week, the school does need to know if there are any more cases of children with symptoms before we make any decision to let the year group back.

The policy of the Government's Department for Education, assuming that tests are readily available, requires a 'Bubble' to be sent home once a child tests positive for Covid. We understand, however, that in practice getting a test has proved difficult for a number of our community and that results may take a while.

Originally, the advice from Haringey Public Health was to send all children in the 'Bubble' home as a precautionary measure, which we did on Friday. However, their position has since changed and they are now asking us to invite Year 3 children back to school. To help the school, and in the interests of all of our pupils, we are asking Year 3 parents to let us know on Monday if their child has any symptoms. This will help to inform our decision about when we can invite Year 3 children back to school.

Until that time, we are asking Year 3 children to learn from home by accessing Google Classroom. The Year 3 teachers will be uploading their learning with lots of exciting activities for them to do.

As always, stay safe, follow all the Government guidelines and please keep up to date with this fast-changing situation. We are here to help - if you are worried, need advice or you just want to talk to someone, please call the school.

With the support of our whole school community I hope that I will be in a position to see our Year 3 children back in school in the very near future.

Yours sincerely,

Julie D'Abreu
Headteacher

