



PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Change of return date for the Y3 bubble - apologies for confusion

Dear Parents, Carers of a child/ children in Y3,

Firstly, may I please say a huge thank you to you all for your support at this most challenging time. May I also thank you for bearing with us; we are trying to adhere to advice, manage the school daily and, at the same time, continue to offer an excellent now 'blended' education to your child/ children.

Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity (and I am sure you all join with me) to express well wishes to the child who is currently ill - "we wish you better quickly" - and we extend those well wishes to the family at such a challenging, and genuinely isolating, time.

When I called the Department for Education (DfE) on Sunday to report a positive case, I was told that I needed to close any potentially affected bubbles (ie contacts) for 14 days. I sent out the letter quickly so that you could be prepared not to bring your children to site on Monday.

As I reflected on the advice though, I was confused as, due to the delay in test results etc, it does not make sense to isolate from the result date but instead to isolate from the date of symptoms' onset. I called the DfE again today and I was told that my thoughts were correct, the isolation period should start from the first day of symptoms. As the child was symptomatic on Weds 16th September but was not in school, we can open to the whole of Year 3 on Wednesday 30th September. That said, we are also at the mercy of any new data which may arise and we will, of course, keep you informed.

This two week period of isolation allows for the virus not to be spread but it also allows for any symptoms to show in any other members of the community who have been potential contacts.

*Please ensure your child, unless they are sick, is accessing the Google Classroom every day. The children will be learning exactly what they would have been learning at school. They **MUST** attend online (or take a paper pack). If you are having problems accessing or need to borrow a device please call: 0208 534 4065.*

As always, if you wish to talk to me, please call the school. We really are doing all we can to act safely, calmly and wisely during this period of challenge and confusion.

We will only weather this storm if we do it together through support and communication.

Yours respectfully,

Synopsis of content:

I initially received incorrect advice; subject to no further cases in this bubble being reported, **the school return date for your child in Year 3 is Wednesday 30/9/20 we are looking forward to seeing you.** Remember to arrive between 8:45 and 8:55 and to collect at 3:05 on 30/9/20