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Dear Parent / Guardian,

At the end of our first week, I would like to thank you all for your cooperation in dealing with the many changes to our normal school routines in light of Covid-19. It has been a privilege to speak with many of you this week regarding individual circumstances and to hear you all convey your thanks to our school community for the part which they are all playing.

It is important that we all continue to play our part in our fight against the virus and in our efforts to keep our school community safe.

The Importance of the Bubble

As you are already aware, we are operating social bubbles within our classrooms. With this structure comes many challenges to our day to day routines. We have staggered break and lunches, designated toilets, different entry and exit times, to name but a few.

The bubble is exceptionally important for our school as it enables the management of school to identify where children are throughout the day and who they have had contact with. In the case of 'track and trace' coming into play, it would enable me to identify the children who will have come in contact with a particular child, namely those within their bubble.

If we therefore had a positive case of Covid-19, it would potentially mean that we could isolate one class only, rather than our whole school. It is therefore in light of this fact that we are operating in this regard.

In protecting our class bubbles, it is also important that parents play their part too. Here are some things which you should continue to do;

- When you drop off your child, make sure it is at their correct time. Mixing bubbles at this time could potentially lead to the spreading of the virus through multiple bubbles.
- When you pick up your child, make sure you keep your child with you and do not allow them to run around or play with other children in the driveway.
- As parents, you should be 2m apart at all times when on site and you should be limiting engagement with other households as much as possible. We would encourage you to wait in your car until the children are outside the school and then pick them up.
- If picking up brothers and sisters, you should make sure that siblings who may be with you stay with you and do not mix with other families.
- Do not attempt to speak with teachers or staff at the gate or door. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment to do so.

I realise the changes which these measures bring to our everyday lives, however, if we are to maintain our school being able to open safely, we must all adhere to and respect these steps.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Andrew Frizzell

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