Dear parents / carers of Ladybirds class

Following the latest government announcement, the self -isolation period for someone who has been in contact with an infected person has reduced from 14 days to 10 days. This would mean that your child can return to school on Monday 14th December, unless they have tested positive and then you will need to follow the specific guidance you have been given.

Please be aware that about 2% of people who have been in contact with a positive case will still be capable of passing on the virus to others after the 10 day period has ended. This does concern me as any positive cases in school this week will mean that pupils and staff in that bubble will not be able to spend Christmas with their families and friends as they will be in self- isolation. I would therefore urge you to think very carefully about whether or not you would like your child to return to school. Public health have suggested that maintaining the 14 day self -isolation period would be a more sensible approach as they have had pupils in other schools test positive more than 10 days after the initial contact .

As Mrs. Short has been unwell with COVID, live lessons have not taken place for your child; however, we are hopeful that these will be able to start next week. It is unlikely that Mrs. Short will be well enough to return to work on Monday, and as Health and Safety advice is that we don’t mix bubbles, the earliest day your child could return to school would be **Tuesday 15th December**. This is of course dependent on Mrs. Short being well enough to teach. If you would like your child to return to school on Tuesday 15th December please let the school office know by 12pm on Monday 14th December, via email or phone, so that we can sort out the logistics.

Please remember of you or your child display any symptoms you should remain at home and arrangements should be made for you to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Many thanks for your continued cooperation in these very difficult times

Lucie Forrest

(Headteacher)