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Dear Parents

I am writing to you regarding Home Learning when you, your child or siblings have to self-isolate due to Covid 19 symptoms **or** if the class bubble has to close due to a positive result of a Covid 19 test by a member of that bubble **or** in the event of another national lockdown **or**.

Self-isolating due to symptoms

If your child is unable to attend school due to having symptoms or a sibling in another school is asked to self-isolate due to their symptoms or a parent then we will provide home learning for the length of any self-isolation. The children will be provided with a learning pack. These packs of work has been specifically created for you at this time when you are not able to be in school. The pack will contain some mathematics activities, writing and topic work to be completed as best the child can. There is no expectation that this will all be completed in the time they are away from school, however we ask that they do their best.

Parents – depending on the severity of symptoms then please do not worry if the work is not completed. It is best to allow your child to recover from the virus and focus on being well again. If your child is self-isolating due to a sibling or yourself having symptoms then your child should be well enough to complete the work. We will also include additional work in case you and your child are keen and eager to do more. There will be suggested activities to cover in the textbook relating to either what is being covered in class or aspects in your child's learning that need to be reinforced.

Please follow the direction of the class teacher. If you need to contact the class teacher please do email them. Their email addresses are on the class webpages. Learning for longer periods of time will be posted on the class webpage.

Closure of a class bubble due to positive test

If a whole class has to self-isolate then learning will be online based. If you require paper based activities please request these unless we already know that you require paper-based learning packs from our previous experiences. There will be daily lessons provided online via the class webpage or Zoom as long as the class teacher isn't the one who has Covid symptoms. If this is the case work will be set and uploaded by other staff within the key phase. However, as they will be teaching their own classes live or videoed lessons will not take place.

National Lockdown

In the event of another national lockdown the expectations for the bubble closure will be implemented with online learning plus live or videoed lessons on a daily basis. However, if your child's teacher is working in school looking after and teaching the children of key workers then this will only be video clips rather than live teaching due to them being busy elsewhere.

Whatever happens we will be providing the children with continuous learning in any event. This is so important that we help them to maintain their learning behaviours and enthusiasm.

For more details of home learning please see the website About Us – Policies section for the Home Learning Through Covid Policy which has a fuller explanation of our aims and commitment.
<https://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=76>

Let's hope the children are in school full time and for as long as it's safe to be so. This is our first aim and we hope they and you stay safe and well throughout the autumn and winter months.

Best wishes



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Head Teacher

