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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the Covid19 virus has had a very serious impact on a member of our teaching staff's immediate family. Please be reassured that no pupil at Rushwick School needs to self-isolate as a result of this development and it has not arisen due to anything related to the school environment. However, from Monday 1st February, the Year 3/4 bubble will need to be closed for the whole week. This decision has been made in accordance with the school's Covid19 risk assessment procedures and means the following:

- None of the children in the Year 3 /4 bubble need to self-isolate, but none can attend school next week as the bubble is closed.
- Year 3 pupils are asked to use the Oak Academy and BBC online resources, and we ask parents to make sure the children read for pleasure every day and if possible are taken outside for a daily walk.
- Year 3 families will be contacted tomorrow with further details on how remote learning will be delivered and managed from Monday.
- Year 4 remote learning is unaffected.

As you can imagine, this latest development is very concerning for everybody. Rushwick is a small, close knit school community. We are also now further stretched in terms of staffing, as we cannot cross over bubbles and need time to address the staffing impact in the safest way possible.

The national message from our scientists for the foreseeable future remains to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. We have around 50 children of critical worker families, and vulnerable pupils in school every day, well above the national average, and in KS1 have reached the capacity, without compromising our Covid19 risk assessment. We know this is difficult for many of you, but unless you are a **frontline** worker, if you have at least one adult working from home please do your very best to keep your child at home with you.

There is no extra pressure from me or other staff, other than for everyone to do the best you can with home learning and keep in contact with us so we know that all the children are safe. When we are all back in school in the near future we will work together with you to help every child to thrive again in the school environment.

Thank you for your continued support during these most challenging of times.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Jeffrey (Headteacher)