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Dear Year 8 Parents,

I am writing to inform you that we have, this morning, had a positive case of COVID-19 confirmed in Year 8.

Consequently, I am taking the measure of closing the Year 8 bubble for the rest of this term and the teaching that would have taken place on Monday and Tuesday of this week (there are no actual lessons on Wednesday) will be taught online via Microsoft Teams.

The pupil in question has not been in School since Thursday, but close contacts of that pupil have been informed directly and anyone closely linked to the pupil should isolate for ten days, as per the updated guidance.

Given we are getting so close to the Christmas holidays and as you may be aware, the Government has made additional testing capacity available for all children/young people and their families in the Essex area to enable you to get a test even if you do not have symptoms of COVID-19. This is particularly important now as Christmas approaches and families look forward to meeting and spending time together. Should you wish to access a test you can do so by following the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

The website also allows you to order tests by post if you cannot drive to one of the drive-through testing centres. You need to select "Yes" to the question "*Is the person who needs a test part of a trial or government pilot project*" on the website.

Thank you in advance for your support: we had hoped to make it to the end of term without closing a bubble – and we very nearly managed it – but I hope that you appreciate that these decisions are made, as we always have, with the health, safety and welfare of all in our community in mind.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A D Petty
Headmaster