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Dear Parents

In the spirit of openness and transparency, at the request of Public Health England, I am letting you know that there have been several confirmed cases of COVID at Thorpedene Primary School, Shoeburyness High School, Bournes Green Infant School and Bournes Green Junior school, as a result of positive testing over the weekend.

In line with the guidance from Department for Education, all those affected by the positive tests are required to self-isolate for ten days.

The rest of the household do not need to isolate unless any member of the family develops symptoms. Therefore, siblings are still able to attend school. However, we must remind parents/carers that any child in the group who is isolating must not attend school, including at the drop off/pick up times.

Regardless of the COVID-19 test result, the rooms, equipment and furniture in the bubble are being thoroughly cleaned in line with the guidance.

Although it does not directly affect most of you, I felt sure that you would rather hear about it through SECAT than through some other route.

For your information, I have included the relevant section of the latest guidance we are adhering to:

- Household members of those contacts of those sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.
- If someone in the bubble develops symptoms themselves within the 14-day isolation period they should follow the guidance below:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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As a parent myself I recognise that it is a time of uncertainty and that you will no doubt be anxious. However, I can confirm that we will continue to follow the guidance stringently to minimise the risks to both your children and our staff.

Wishing you and your families good health and safety at this time.

Kind Regards

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