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Dear parents / carers,

I am writing with regard to one of our 'bubbles' on the **main site in Woodhouse Eaves**.

Unfortunately, we have had a positive test for Covid 19 in one of our MAP bubbles. As a precaution and in line with guidance we are advising that everyone within the bubble will be self-isolating until 12th October. All parents and carers of affected children have been contacted.

In order to ensure that the site is absolutely clean, **I have taken the decision to close the school on Monday and Tuesday of next week for all students on the main site**. This will enable site staff to carry out a deep clean across the whole site using specialist equipment.
Post 16 will remain open as normal.

This is in line with our robust safety and hygiene plan, enabling us to minimise the risk and disruption of COVID-19 cases across the school.

The process we are following, as in every confirmed case is:

- If we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in your / your child's bubble, we will immediately close the bubble down and advise all affected staff and students to self-isolate
- Parents of students in the affected bubble will receive a phone call from school leaders and a follow-up letter from me, which will include further guidance on what you need to do regarding self-isolation, testing and reporting COVID-19 cases to the school
- Parents of students in the affected bubble will receive a separate follow-up letter from Public Health England advising you of a confirmed case and the steps you need to take
- We will also communicate directly with students to reassure them that we will continue to provide a comprehensive online learning package and wellbeing support during self-isolation
- All students will be taught remotely, using our Google classroom online platform, when they are not in school. This is in line with our remote learning policy, which aims to have minimum disruption on student learning

The health and safety of all staff, students and visitors at Maplewell is our top priority but we also work closely with PHE and Leicestershire County Council to ensure we play our part in the community as well.

Thank you again your continued support as we navigate through COVID-19 together to keep people safe.

Yours faithfully
Jason Brooks
Headteacher

