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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have received confirmation that a second staff member in our Early Years setting has tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, unfortunately Early Years (Nursery & Reception) will need to remain closed until the end of this half term. Children may return to school on Tuesday 3rd November (after the planned Monday INSET). No other staff members have tested positive.

We will continue to send out home learning through Class Dojo. If you require any more work, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We know that this is a worrying time for many of you. I would like to reassure you that as a school we are doing everything we can to minimise the risk of transmission. Thank you to the parents who have contacted me with messages of support and well wishes to the staff member. I know that closing a bubble is of huge inconvenience to families, but trust that you understand that this is a necessary step.

To remind you, the symptoms of COVID-19 as described on the NHS website are as follows:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any questions, or need any advice, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cairns

Head Teacher