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Dear Parents and Carers,

### COVID-19 – School Update for Parents – Letter 4

Welcome to the new half-term. We hope you have had a great week in this glorious weather. For us in school, today was Day 1 of operating our new 'child care Bubbles' for children whose parents are Key Workers and children who are known to be vulnerable. As you know, we have implemented all of the Government's Hygiene and Safety guidance to trial how this will work at Gladstone Road, in preparation for potentially opening more widely.

The guidance can be found on their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

The guidance changes constantly to be in-line with the Government's daily briefing. The challenge for schools and many other establishments is that a lot of time and effort goes into making plans, but the plans have to constantly evolve to catch up. Thank goodness for Mrs Halliday, who is my oracle and who I rely on totally. The staff team is committed and working hard to get this right for you and your child. We are determined not to let you down.

We are going to give this our all this week, to test everything out. We can then think about what to do next, with a view to beginning to open school up in stages in-line with the Government's instructions. Gladstone Road Leaders, Governors and the Local Authority meet regularly online to talk everything through and as always, I will keep you fully updated along the way.

I wanted to highlight some important information to you about the procedure for anyone in our school community who starts to display symptoms of the virus. We certainly hope this does not happen but it is important that you take the time to familiarise yourself with this aspect of the Government's instructions. It does change frequently and each time it does, we update our procedures. At the moment, the guidance is as follows:

- If a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and children who are attending school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and must get tested.
- Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
- Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their 'Bubble' will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. The household members do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

I hope this letter reassures you that we are taking this very seriously in the interests of supporting the families that need us most, keeping everyone safe and maintaining our partnership with you.



The Home Learning arrangements will resume this week. Please do keep sending in your work for publishing on our Website/Facebook/Twitter pages – I am looking forward to reading the Mystery Door stories!

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It seems a very long time ago that myself and my team were handing out letters on the street each morning to share our plans as the virus started to hit, but it was so much nicer than sending out letters electronically. I look forward to the day we can greet you in the street again – I miss my 'hi-vis' jacket!

I will write to you soon with an update of how we are getting on. Please do continue to check our school Website/Facebook/Twitter pages regularly for updates. Thanks again for your support. Keep doing what you are doing and remember that we are here to support you.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Johnson'.

**Mr Garry Johnson**  
Head Teacher