Tuesday 7th December 2021
Dear Parent / Carer – YEAR 4 (BEECH CLASS) ONLY

I am writing to inform you that there has been a positive case of COVID19 within the school community and as a result your child may have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19. It is unlikely but possible that they have been infected. Even if infected children are at very low risk of serious illness from COVID-19.

In order to reduce the risk of further positive cases within the school community I am asking you to **please arrange for your child to have a PCR test as soon as possible.**

This letter only applies to children who have not tested positive for Covid-19 within the last 90 days, as children who have had Covid-19 within 90 days may test positive again. However, if your child develops new Covid-19 symptoms, they should be re-tested using a PCR test.

PCR test can be arranged online by following this link: Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). If you cannot use the online service, call 119. Lines are open 7am to 11pm.

While awaiting a test and the test result your child should continue to attend school. They would only need to self-isolate if the PCR test is positive or symptoms of COVID-19 develop (new continuous cough, high fever or loss of sense of smell or taste).

Thank you for continuing to support our school to remain a safe place.

Yours sincerely

Mr Dale Bateman
Headteacher
On behalf of Essex County Council