Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer – **YEAR 5 SYCAMORE 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 undertake daily LFD testing for seven days.** Your child does not need to self-isolate and should continue to attend school.

If your child tests positive on an LFD test, they should isolate immediately for 10 days but they do not need to get a PCR test. Positive cases should isolate for 10 full days, however, can end isolation early if they get a negative LFD test on day 5 and day 6 - they can then return to school on day 6. If they continue to test positive, then they can repeat the test the next day and each subsequent day until they get two consecutive negative results or reach the end of the 10 day isolation.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr D. Bateman
Headteacher
On behalf of Essex County Council