



5th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Further to my letter last week, I wanted to provide you with some updates to the current situation. Whilst I am not providing any blanket good news, I just wanted to update you of out of courtesy.

Yesterday, Public Health advised me that any child in Class 4A and 5W who has recently (since the beginning of this term) received a positive PCR result and have since completed their 10-day isolation period, may return to school as of today if they wish to. We have already contacted parents who this applies to individually to inform them and some have expressed a desire to send their children back to school.

I understand that this may cause an element of distress to those that are yet unable to return to school, but it is important that I follow Public Health advice and have children back where we can. The guidance we receive from Public Health is changing daily as every school's circumstances are different. We appreciate that there will be frustrations around this matter, but please understand we are equally as frustrated with the situation; we are trying to act in the best way possible to ensure that children are at the heart of every decision made. The children returning to school will be receiving the same learning as those that are at home, so no group will be advantaged or disadvantaged educationally.

Please note, I must emphasise the **above only applies to children who have had a positive test result since the beginning of this term and completed their 10-day isolation period.** If your child is currently within their isolation period after receiving a positive PCR result, then they may also return after their 10-day period. I'm afraid that all other children must still remain away from school and continue with online learning until 11th October as per my previous letter.

I am aware that I am not providing good news to all parents in this instance, but I felt it important to communicate these changes to you all.

Yours sincerely

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