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Dear P6 Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to update you on the close contact your P6 child had last week.

Firstly, I wish to express my sincere thanks for your support by getting your child a PCR test over the weekend and by returning a screenshot of this to the school info account. A difficult situation was made easier to handle through your diligence and compliance of our request.

Secondly, I am writing to remind you that under the current guidance the PHA are stipulating your child must receive a second PCR Test 8 full days from the close contact which occurred on *Tuesday 31 August*. That means, your child is due for their second PCR test on **Wednesday 8 September**.

The PHA state:

"If your child has not had a positive PCR result in the last 90 days... we advise that you book a second free PCR test on Day 8."

You can book a test online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by phoning 119.

When you are booking the PCR test online, under the section 'why are you asking for a test', please select 'I have been told by contact tracers to get a test.' When asked for a code, please enter 3012207J. You can still book a test without this code, but it helps the PHA track the case.

The P6 children will still be able to come to school and do not need to self-isolate as they await the result for this second test as long as their first test was negative. I would again request for you to send me a screenshot of the second test result.

Of course, If your child has a positive test or develops symptoms whilst waiting for the second test result, they must immediately self-isolate and you must contact the school office to notify us of this ASAP.

We are well aware that it is difficult to book a test at the minute and we are content for the children to continue to attend school whilst waiting for the second test result.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in contact with myself in the school office.

Kind regards

Ian Somerville Pincipal