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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may well have seen on social media and in the press that a number of schools across the UK have already had to close, either fully or partially, as a result of the identification of positive COVID infections. Whilst I genuinely do not want this to have to happen at Chestnuts, we all need to be prepared for the possibility that it may happen.

School will only close to bubbles, or in its entirety, upon the recommendation of Public Health England, whose advice I will seek immediately should I be notified of a positive case in school.

The government has instructed schools to be able to deliver a remote learning package to all pupils who have to self-isolate. This will be when bubbles are sent home, but also when families have to self-isolate as a result of someone in the home developing symptoms. The purpose of this is to ensure that learning gaps do not arise moving forward.

We are in the processes of planning how we will deliver the learning which is expected to mirror the learning taking place in school. To provide us with one platform on which to set the learning should your child self-isolate we have moved all children into their new virtual classrooms on Google Classroom. We appreciate not all of you were able to access Google Classroom during lockdown and will also make alternative arrangements for the home learning should the need arise.

For children to be able to access their home learning via Google Classroom, all children will need to log into their Google account and join their new class. If you are new to school, you will be provided with additional instructions in due course. If your child has forgotten their log in, please contact the school office by email and you will be re-issued with the login details.

Children in Years 5 and 6 will be using Google Classroom to complete and submit homework this term to reduce the risk of transmission of viruses. Where this is not possible for some pupils, we will of course issue a paper copy of the tasks set.

Yours faithfully





















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