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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Bubble Closure- Seedlings and Sunflower**

With regret, I have had to make the difficult decision to temporarily close Foundation Stage/Year 1 Bubble from Thursday 19th November 2020.

Due to a number of our school staff being advised to work from home due to either having to self-isolate or having been contacted by track and trace or being defined as 'clinically extremely vulnerable,' we are unable to secure sufficient staffing levels to ensure a safe environment for this Bubble.

Our aim is to reopen the Seedling and Sunflower classes on Thursday 3rd December 2020 and we will keep you closely informed of updates and decisions around this via letters on the web, text messages and Facebook messages. Please check the school's communication channels regularly and remember the school office is contactable too on 01472 318003.

Seedlings and Sunflowers will have access to home learning via Teams, reading books and packs. The Teams online learning plan and letter are under the tab 'Remote Learning' on the school website (under Classes) as shared with parents/carers 29<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils have accessed their teams' addresses in school to practise and passwords etc have been shared with home. E-books will also be available shortly and staff will 'release' the bespoke books for your child/ren as needed. Staff have prepared some practical activities for Foundation Stage pupils too including maths and spelling games.

Governors will be reviewing our arrangements for reopening in conjunction with the Local Authority.

Finally, please may I say how sorry we are about having to make this difficult decision and for the inconvenience that may be caused. As I know you understand, this is a very challenging time and as always, by working positively together, we will be able to manage through this situation.

Thank you for your support and understanding. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the school office in the first instance by phone or email.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Hackfath Head Teacher













