

Sunday 12th December 2021

Dear Families,

COVID arrangements from Monday 13th December

On Friday I wrote to you to inform you of the rapid changes to the COVID cases we had in school. I shared that I would write to you with further guidance and details of how the school will operate considering this information.

New changes inside the school from Monday 13th December;

- Bubbles will be reintroduced to reduce contact.
 - Reception will be a bubble on their own
 - Year 1 & 2 will be a bubble together
 - Year 3 & 4 will be a bubble together
 - Year 5 & 6 will be a bubble together

Staff will also stay in these bubbles to further reduce contact.

The bubbles will reduce the cross over between children and staff across the wider school population.

- Children will be having separate breaktimes and lunchtimes to support the bubbles. The playground will be zoned, and we will clean the lunchbar between sittings.
- The school will not be accepting visitors until further notice.
- Postpone events whereby there is cross school mixing – e.g. clubs. We will continue to review this.

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We will continue to;

- Ensure staff wear masks when they are in corridors, communal areas
- Do our assemblies in classes and assemble as a whole school on Zoom
- Reduce staff contact to less than 15 minutes unless they are in their own bubble
- Hold staff meetings over Zoom
- Ensure staff continue to do their Lateral Flow Tests
- Undertake enhanced cleaning across the day

What we need you to do;

- Continue to do your **Lateral Flow Tests**
- Don't bring your child to school if they are **symptomatic** – **book a PCR test for them**
- Wear **masks** when you are on site – including the playground
- Practice **social distancing** on site
- **Arrive** and **depart** the site **swiftly and socially distanced** – we know that less than 15 minutes face to face contact helps to keep these parts of the day safe without us having to make additional changes to the entrance and exit arrangements at this stage. This will be under review and may be changed at short notice.

Staff will be recording your children perform their Christmas songs and pieces. We will not be able to assemble the choir, recorder or orchestra performances unfortunately under our current arrangements. We will let you know how you can view these performances next week.

Our current situation means there will be changes to how we operate, and this will mean there will be interruptions to how we have been operating since September; I will be evaluating and reviewing this daily and have enclosed the current live COVID risk assessment to detail these.

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I continue to work with the Local Authority to put in place the necessary steps to control what is in my power and I will inform you if these arrangements need to change.

Thank you for your continued vigilance and support during this challenging time.

Best Wishes



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