



23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

Dear Families,

## **COVID UPDATE**

We have been made aware of several individuals in our school community who have tested positive for Covid 19.

As you would expect, we are following national guidance and public health advice and will continue to monitor the situation and take any actions we need to so that we can reduce the risk of wider infection. Yesterday, we made the decision to close one class for a short period of time to manage a potential outbreak across the school.

This morning we have received notification of one more confirmed case of Covid and have therefore, decided to reintroduce certain control measures to keep our children, parents and staff safe.

With immediate effect:

- We have introduced key stage bubbles. This means that the children will have staggered lunchtimes in their bubble.
- We will also implement separate key stage collective worship and assemblies to minimise the number of contacts that a child has throughout the day.
- We are currently reviewing all our Christmas activities and will let you know as soon as possible if we think there is a need to make any adjustments to the planned programme.
- We continue to encourage the children to wash their hands regularly and to use hand sanitizer.

May I ask that all families are extremely vigilant when collecting and dropping your children off at school. Please remember to stick to a 2m distance and wear a mask if possible.

Finally, please rest assured that the safety of our school community is paramount and all decisions are made accordingly. We understand that everyone is looking forward to spending Christmas with their families and we would not want to jeopardise any future plans by not taking the right precautions now. With this in mind, please may I ask that if your child tests positive for Covid 19 that you let the school office know immediately. While a lateral flow test is not a confirmed case of Covid, it is important that information is shared in good time so that we can prepare and act swiftly. If it is necessary to implement any further protective measures we will inform you straight away.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything in this letter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment to meet with a senior member of staff.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Jayne Mitchell  
Executive Headteacher