



29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As of today, we have COVID cases in every class in the school, either confirmed by a PCR test or a lateral flow test- awaiting PCR results. In light of this, from tomorrow there will be further restrictions in place in school to try to avoid the cases increasing.

The restrictions from tomorrow are as follows:

- All classes will be back in bubbles. Hedgehog class will be a bubble, Bumblebee class will be a bubble, Fox class will be a bubble and Year 5 and 6 classes together will be a bubble. Being back in bubbles will mean that we have to change the way we operate in school during this period.
- Bubbles will eat separately in their classrooms at lunch times and will have playtimes separately. No children will be eating in the hall.
- There will be no assemblies in the hall. Online assemblies will resume as they were before the summer term.
- At drop off time in the morning, no parents will be allowed on the playground. Parents are expected to drop off at the gate and children will go straight to their classroom, without lining up on the playground. This is to avoid anyone hanging around in groups. Please make sure no parents are standing around in groups outside the gate. Masks should be worn by all.
- End of day pickup time procedures will be staggered. If you have children in different bubbles, they are to be collected at the youngest sibling's finish time. The times are as follows:

**Hedgehog class pick up time 3.10pm.**

**Bumblebee class pick up time 3.15pm.**

**Fox Class pick up time 3.20pm.**

**Nightingale and Owl pick up time 3.25pm.**

When you arrive to collect your children, we will only let the parents onto the playground at the appropriate pick up time. The gate will then be closed. You will be invited onto the playground through the small gate, please can you then line up on your child's line and we will send your children over to you, the gate will be open for you to then leave the school grounds. Once the class and parents have left the playground we will let the next class in. **Please only arrive at the allocated time.**

We are asking parents to

- Arrive at their given pick up time.
- Do not park in the school car park. This is becoming dangerous for children and parents as they leave the gate.
- Wear a face mask.
- Socially distance.
- Only one parent at drop off and pick up time.
- Lateral flow test your child every day.

It is important that we are ventilating the school appropriately, however in these weather conditions it does mean that children are getting chilly, particularly in the year 5 and 6 classes. Please ensure they bring extra layers and coats to school so they can put on extra clothes if they feel they need to.

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We will have these tighter restrictions in place until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December with an aim to remove them for the last week of term, only if it is safe to do so. I will review the situation at the end of the week before.

If you need to speak to the office or your child's teacher then we are asking you to email rather than call, particularly first thing in the morning.

Many thanks for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clayton', enclosed in a light grey rectangular border.

Sarah Clayton

Headteacher