



20th January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

### **Contingency Plan - Yr 1 "Bubble"**

I am writing to inform you that we have an increase of positive COVID-19 cases in **Year 1**. We now have six positive cases across the two classes. I have taken advice from the Essex Contact Tracing team, who have recommended that we put the following measures in place in Year 1. From **Friday 21st January**, until at least Wednesday 26th, they will become a bubble again.

- **We are asking parents to use LFD tests on their year 1 children for the next 7 days.**
- **Year 1 will become a 'bubble' again** - meaning they will be isolated from the rest of the school and have different break times, lunch times and start/end times to the rest of the children in KS1. **Please drop your children at their class door at 8:40am and collect at 2:50pm. 1:20pm on Fridays please.**
- **We will continue to ensure there is good ventilation in classrooms.**
- **Ensure extra hand hygiene procedures and additional cleaning of high touch points (doors handles/tables/chairs etc)**
- Year 1 children who attend breakfast club will still be able to attend but **not mix with the other children at breakfast club - they will have their own table and resources.**
- Unfortunately, this also means **Year 1 will not be able to attend any clubs next week.**
- **Friday afternoon club children can still attend, however they will not mix with the other children.**

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation with the support of the Local Authority and Health teams. However, we cannot authorise absence for those that are worried about the increase in cases.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most young people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. NHS Test and Trace will undertake contact tracing and may contact you to inform you that your child has been identified as a close contact.

In line with the latest government guidelines identified close contacts who are under 18 years and 6 months of age, do not need to self-isolate. Instead, they are advised to test daily using LFD for 7 days.



If your child does test positive for Covid-19 they should stay at home for at least 5 days - if they test negative on day 5 and then again on day 6 - they can return to school on day 6. However if they test positive then self-isolation must continue until they have 2 negative LFDs or have isolated for 10 days, depending on which occurs first. The school will arrange remote education, if your child is well enough so that they can continue their learning, please contact the school office if you would like work provided or need to borrow a laptop. Remote education will not be extended to children who are absent for other reasons.

We will continue to review our risk assessment and adhere to the protective measures in place at school. These measures include hygiene and cleaning measures and keeping spaces well ventilated.

### **How to stop COVID-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

#### **Do**

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

#### **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I will keep all parents updated and informed on any further developments or if the situation changes.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Dry  
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