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Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid 19 Update

As you are aware over the past week we have had a number of confirmed cases of Covid 19 within our school community.

I would like to take time to reassure you that we have taken all necessary actions since hearing this information to keep all children at our school as safe as possible. The children and staff in the bubbles affected are now self-isolating and the school has been cleaned appropriately.

Up until this week we had only a few numbers of confirmed positives cases throughout the whole pandemic. So as you can imagine managing this sudden increase has been a challenge for the school and for you and your families. Most importantly it is very upsetting for children who cannot be in school with their friends and staff –learning in school as normal.

Please remember:

- When children are asked to isolate by schools they must stay at home and not mix with anyone outside their usual household bubble – this includes children from their school class.

In order to try and minimise possible future disruption for children we will reduce the current size of bubbles to class bubbles for the rest of the term. We will continue with our frequent additional whole school cleaning schedule and our many other Covid safe measures. (Our full Risk Assessment is on our school website).

If your child has any of the following symptoms everyone in the household must self-isolate and order a PCR test. Please do not send children into school if they have any of the most common symptoms. I advise you also do a Lateral Flow test whilst waiting for a PCR test kit to arrive. Please inform us in school about both sets of results.



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Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/or-by-phoning-119>

Test and Trace support payment for parents and guardians

If your child has been told to self-isolate as a result of being in close contact with someone in their school bubble who has tested positive, you may be entitled to a payment.

Parents or guardians who are not legally required to self-isolate can apply for a Test and Trace Support expanded scheme payment of £500 if you need to take time off work to care for your child, if they have been told to self-isolate on or after 8th March 2021.

Please see the link below for details of how to apply online.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/communities-and-safety/emergency-planning/coronavirus/help-for-people-and-communities/benefits-advice-and-support/test-and-trace-support-expanded-scheme/>

End of Year Events

In light of the current situation, we have had to make some changes to our planned schedule of end of year events. Below outlines our up-to-date plan.

Sports Day Each class will do own their **Sport Event** – medals for all children and photos tweeted. A class letter will be sent with date. Children will need to bring in water bottle and wear a PE kit to school.

Year 6 Prom **Friday 16th July** – class celebration including outside Pizza picnic. Photos tweeted. Children can wear own clothes and get ready to have a great day!

Prize Giving KS1 – **Thursday 15th July** and KS2 **Monday 19th July**. Each class will have a virtual prize giving assembly in their classroom. We will make it as special as possible and all children will receive a special certificate.

Year 6 Prize Giving and Leavers Assembly – **Tuesday 20th July**. All children will be presented with a leaver's gift and certificate.

End of year class picnic – Over the last few days of school each class will have a picnic outside in school grounds (weather permitting). Outside games and activities will be led by class staff to make this end of year celebration extra fun!

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Transition into new class from September 2021

At this time of the year we would normally dedicate a substantial amount of time for the children to have the opportunity to visit their new classes and meet their new class teacher and learning support assistants. Unfortunately due to the current school circumstances in relation to covid-19 we are not able to put this normal transition practice in place.

In order to support transition under these circumstances we will have virtual transition opportunities the week beginning **12th July**. Teachers will zoom into their new class children –do some activities with them to help to get to know each other. They will also share a virtual tour of their classroom and some curriculum information.

Next week we will be sharing with the children, and parents (in school and virtually), who their new teacher and support staff will be in September. A **‘Meet your Teacher’** letter with photos of staff will be sent.

End of year reports for all children

All class teachers have written school reports for each of the children in their class. These will be given out to you on **Tuesday 13th July when you collect your child/children.**

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all for your wonderful support.

If you have any questions (however small you think it might be) please contact us here at school.

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Best wishes

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