



07<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are continuing to monitor the numbers of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school. We have 6 children in Year 6 who have tested positive for COVID-19. A further 4 children from this year group are isolating with symptoms, pending PCR test results. Another child in Year 2 continues to isolate after testing positive for COVID-19 earlier in the week.

**An 'outbreak' constitutes of 10% of a class or cohort testing positive for COVID-19. We have been in discussion with the local health protection team yesterday, and we have agreed that we need to take early preventative action to avoid any further transmission.**

As a result:

- We have moved back to some of the arrangements that we had in the summer term, with Year 6 being kept in separate bubbles and minimal interaction between classes.
- We will continue to have the same start and end times, 8.45- 8.55 and 3.15 but would ask that Year 6 children use the pedestrian crossing gate on Hydean Way, to enter and exit the school, where possible.
- Only one adult should accompany your child when dropping off and collecting and parents should avoid gathering to chat.
- The Year 6 bubbles will avoid the use of shared spaces, where possible.
- We will increase the amount of cleaning of shared touch spaces such as door handles etc.
- Year 6 will not be going swimming for the next two weeks.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and in the school building. Visitors will be required to take a LFT test and temperature check when on site. Face coverings will need to be worn in the building.
- Please contact the school office via email/telephone for essential matters.

The health protection team have advised us that any children displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should seek a PCR test immediately. **We will therefore ask you to come and collect your child to take them for a PCR test if they become unwell during the school day. We need your continued support with this, as it could be critical in stopping the spread within the school.**

Please note that it is important that primary aged children do not take lateral flow tests as this can cause physical harm, especially when they are aged below 7 years.

In line with Government guidelines, children who do not have symptoms and who have not tested positive on a PCR test, MUST still attend school.

Yours sincerely,

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