



30th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: COVID-19

We completely understand the frustration and disappointment in regards to us having to cancel our trip to the pantomime. Over the long weekend, we were advised of the rising number of suspected positive cases across the school, with more than one case in every year group, including members of staff. These cases were not limited to one class and as such, we took the difficult decision not to risk mixing the children at the pantomime. Since we have returned, we have had confirmation that we have what is considered to be an ‘outbreak’ in Jellyfish Class. None of the children with positive cases have been in school since Thursday. Parents of this class have been advised to take their children for a PCR test. An outbreak is not quite as it might appear, with only 10% of the class needing to have tested positive to be described as an outbreak (3 children).

Other members of the school community are awaiting results of a PCR test and if there is an outbreak in any other class, we will inform parents as soon as we have the information.

Please be assured that we have put all the appropriate measures in place to ensure the safety of children and staff during this time.

Current guidelines clearly state that schools **must** remain open to provide face to face education.

We are in contact with Public Health England and the appropriate measures have been put in place:

- Year 2 are in class bubbles with minimal interaction between classes.
- Year 2 bubbles will avoid the use of shared spaces, where possible.
- All year groups are in year group bubbles when inside, with very minimal contact with other year groups when outside.
- Staff wear masks in all communal areas.
- Increased cleaning of shared touch spaces such as door handles.
- Increased handwashing and ventilation in the classrooms.

We thank you for the many positive emails and comments that we have received regarding the pantomime and all staff are grateful for your continued support. We have booked a streamed, live pantomime for our children to enjoy during the last week of term.

Yours sincerely

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