

Protect our Community

During the Christmas holiday, COVID-19 has continued to move through our community. I would like to do my very best to protect everyone on returning to school on Tuesday 5 January. I am conscious that some people will have mixed over Christmas, and COVID-19 could be more prevalent. In order to control the return for children into school, we will begin as we left off, with less mixing of pupils.



In school, if a child or member of staff tests positive, then the class would close together with all their close contacts. These are the critical contact rules: 1m for 1min face-to-face indoors or 2m for 15min face-to-face indoors in the previous 48hrs.

In order to Protect our Community, I am going to tighten movement in school for the first TWO weeks.

- Lunches will be in the hall as normal, with children sat in their classes
- Children will move less in class
- Intervention and support groups across classes to stop to reduce close contact with other children that they might not normally be with
- Reducing class mixing (even within their year group bubble) during the first two weeks
- Close the staffrooms to reduce potential contact points between staff
- Stop assemblies to reduce mixing in bubbles
- Staff to wear masks walking around school

This will mean that the children will not have the normal mix of activities, and will have limited movement in class. If there is a positive case, these restrictions will hopefully mean that I can limit the group affected to a few children (rather than a whole class), but this is dependent on the person.

Please can you do your bit to 'Protect our Community'.

- **If your child is ill, please keep them at home and tell school as soon as possible**
- **Please keep your distance from other families not in your bubble**
- **Please keep your distance on the school grounds, and follow the one-way system**
- **If you suspect your child has COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them off school, get a test and inform us of the result**
- **Wear face coverings on the school site – we must keep protecting each other**
- **Please leave the school sites promptly and via the appropriate exit to avoid close contact**

I want to try and ensure that the school is as safe as possible for staff, children and families.

Thank you

Richard
Mr R Burbage
Headteacher