



Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020



We would like to thank everyone for your support and cooperation with the new measures that we have introduced.

•**Coronavirus Update.** It is our priority as a school to protect the health and safety of all our children and staff. Unfortunately, there have been some children in school who have tested positive for Covid 19. In line with the government advice, we have closed school to children in the Year 3 bubble and have requested that the children and adults in those bubbles self-isolate. We also took the decision to close to the Y5 bubble as a member of the class, who has not been able to be tested as yet, is part of a family where everyone in the family has tested positive, including children. This has been confirmed in writing by the parent. Given these facts, we decided that the probability of that child also having the virus was too high to ignore and as such made the decision to close to Y5 to protect the children and staff as per government advice. Please be aware that it is only the actual bubble members that need to isolate not their families. It is important that, if anyone from the bubble develops any Covid 19 symptoms, parents take the government advice and have their child tested.

•**Online Work for Children Self-Isolating.** Online work is being provided for any children who are in self-isolation. If parents have any queries regarding the work, please email the class teacher. Many thanks.

•**How Can Parents Help School?** We really want to keep all of our pupils in school, especially after such a long absence because of lockdown. With this in mind, we would politely ask all of our staff and parents to ensure that they and their children stick to the rules surrounding contact and try to minimise the risk where and whenever possible. The last thing we want to do, and I am sure you as parents also want, is for the children to be missing school and self-isolating at home or for school to close completely once again.

•**Timetable Changes.** Unfortunately, we have had to make changes to our school day as a result of staff members having to self-isolate. We will therefore be closing school at 1.30pm today and next **Friday (25th)**. We apologise for any inconvenience that this will cause to parents, but this decision has been taken as a health and safety measure after a careful risk assessment. We shall be opening our Busy Bee club at 1.30pm for any parents who are unable to collect their child. A letter is on the school website with further details.

•**Crossing Patrol.** Please could we request that all the children be crossed safely via the crossing patrol on Broadway. We teach the children about road safety in school and we would appreciate it if parents could demonstrate crossing the road in a safe manner to reinforce the message. Many thanks.

•**Coughs & Colds.** There are quite a few children who are experiencing coughs and colds at the moment. Obviously, we do not want children to be missing school if they just have a common cold, however if your child has a raised temperature, we would request that they are kept off school. Please could parents keep abreast of all the current government medical advice and see the appropriate advice if needed. Likewise, if your child presents at school with a temperature, they will be isolated and parents contacted immediately and asked to collect their child.

•**Home Time.** We are trying to actively keep the children safe in their own bubbles in school. Please could we therefore ask parents not to let the children mix with children from other classes, unless family members, when leaving school at home time. Many thanks.

Please follow government rules to help us to keep our school community safe. We are all in this together!