

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, I would just like to thank you all for your support throughout the last few weeks, which has seen an increase in positive Covid-19 cases, leading to many bubble closures. The disruption this has caused you as families as well as us as a school is immense.

Whilst we are doing everything we can to mitigate risks within school – following all government and local authority guidance and procedures – we continue to review and amend these regularly. Unfortunately, the virus appears to now be spreading amongst the children.

I would like to urge you to follow government guidance and ask that you do not allow your children to mix outside of school. Where a child is asked to isolate, they should not leave the house unless this is for something urgent. Unfortunately, we have heard of children who are isolating playing at the park and visiting other houses. It is impossible to contain this virus within school if guidance is not being followed outside.

Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell and especially if they have a temperature, loss of taste and/or smell. They must take a PCR test (which can be booked via the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> ). I know that many of you are testing yourselves using the lateral flow tests which are available, which does help to pick up asymptomatic cases. However, we can only accept the result from a PCR for a child. Whilst any member of the household and bubble are awaiting results, everyone within that household **must** isolate.

We can only allow collection of children by members of their household/bubble or where a childcare bubble has been formed – this must be the same, continuous person.

Many thanks for your support and co-operation.

Stay safe,

Mrs Deighton