



## Covid-19 Cases in School

10.12.2021

Dear parents/carers,

As you know we have recently had an outbreak of covid-19 in school. At present we have 0 PCR/LFT confirmed case in school. Thank you so much for helping us control this outbreak by following the guidance issued to us.

We are now able to alter the way we work in school and move out of the full bubble system. The operational guidance to schools recognises that working in bubbles makes delivering a full curriculum challenging. For us, as many schools, it presents us with staffing challenges too.

We have spoken to SW Health Protection Team. Having discussed matters with the Health Team and staff we will put in place some additional measures to reduce risk as we move out of working within a full bubble system as the local rate is still relatively high/the impact of Omicron is not yet fully understood. The most up to date RA can be found on the school website. These changes will include:

- Reducing mixing of children from different classes inside as much as possible. (For lunch children will still sit in class groups in the hall which will be well ventilated, children will sit in separate class groups for Y1 Letters & Sounds in the hall so typical learning provision can be put in place, children will be able to play together outside at lunch/break.)
- Continuing to pause whole school/KS assemblies together.
- Reviewing large gatherings. (At present we still plan for class Christmas presentations to be live with parents.)
- CO2 monitors are in all classrooms to support the identification of additional room ventilation when needed.

We will continue with core control measures as outlined in our RA:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Keep rooms well ventilated (balanced with the need to be warm).
- Maintain additional cleaning.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19. (Guidance remains nearly the same in this area. There is a change which states children and adults (even if vaccinated) need to self-isolate if they have been a close contact of a confirmed case of Omicron – in this circumstance, Test and Trace will make contact.)

Please see the **practical arrangements for pick up and drop off for 13<sup>th</sup> December onwards below**. There is no perfect solution to this, however we hope continuing to use both entrances will allow for parents to socially distance with greater ease.

As with all schools, it is likely we will continue to have some children self-isolating due to covid-19 over coming weeks/the Spring Term and perhaps have another outbreak. There may be more guidance issued to us in the Christmas holidays in relation to how we should work in schools depending on the data

analysis/impact of Omicron too. We will, of course, inform you if we have another outbreak/significant changes to our RA.

With thanks for your continued support,

Zoe Avastu

Headteacher

### DROP OFF AND PICK UP FROM DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> ONWARDS

#### DROP OFF/PICK UP

- The main entrance with the **black, metal gate will be used for children in C3, C4 & C5.**
- The **wooden gate will be used for children in C1 & C2.**
- Morning drop off will return to **8.40-8.50** for all children.
- If you have children in KS1 and KS2 you can drop off both children at the main entrance with the black, metal gate.
- Pick up will be 3.10pm for children in C1 and C2 – please queue as you do presently.
- Pick up will be 3.15pm for children in C3, C4 & C5.
- If you have children in KS1 and KS2 we will look after your children in KS2 until you can arrive so please don't worry if you have to wait at the wooden gate entrance for your child in C1/C2.
- We know these arrangements will make it more difficult to have conversations with the school staff. Please do remember if you want to talk to the class teacher about your child you can call the school office – a teacher will contact you when practical. The school number is 01453 822922.

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
<b>Drop off</b> *Staff to welcome children at gate+ classroom *Please wear face coverings at gate  *If siblings in KS1 and KS2, then children can be dropped at KS2 gate together	wooden gate  8.40am – 8.50 am	wooden gate  8.40 am – 8.50am	main metal gate  8.40am – 8.50am	main metal gate  8.40am – 8.50am	main metal gate  8.40am – 8.50am
<b>Pick up</b> *Please wear face coverings at gate	wooden gate  3.10pm	wooden gate  3.10pm	main metal gate  3.15pm	main metal gate  3.15pm	main metal gate  3.15pm