



23rd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR GROUP BUBBLES FROM MONDAY 26th APRIL 2021

It has been a very positive (dare I use that word?!) start to the summer term in many ways. The children, as ever, are a credit to our school. They are working hard to achieve their best and the staff are working hard to facilitate this. The weather is great too – sunshine always helps!

The other big factor is that we have had no positive cases since being back after Easter. As you will be aware, we have had a very cautious approach to our management of Covid procedures. One of these approaches has been that we have kept our children in Class bubbles, so that any positive cases meant that only the children in the Class bubble were affected in terms of self-isolation.

We are now at a point of being able to take a step out of our Covid procedures. From next week, we will operate Year Group bubbles in school. This is so that we can (if necessary), group children more appropriately for some lessons, in some year groups. Official advice will still be sought if we do have a positive case in school. In Key Stage 2, any children that need to self-isolate, in the event of a positive case, will be minimised according to whether they are deemed to have had 'close contact'. Therefore, from **Monday 26th April**, it may mean that even though there has been a positive case in your child's class, your child may not need to self-isolate, if they have not had 'close contact'. We will be able to determine whether your child has had 'close contact' according to their seating position in the classroom.

In Key Stage 1 and Reception, it is likely that if there is a positive case recorded in any of these classes, the whole class will need to self-isolate, due to the nature of the methods of teaching needed in those year groups and the need for children to mix more.

At this stage, the change we are making will not affect the staggered start and finish times for the children. Please continue to wear face masks when on school premises, and practice social distancing.

Yet again, I would like to thank you all for your continued support at this trying time.

Yours faithfully



H Portrey
Headteacher

