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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, despite enhanced cleaning and sanitising measures, we are experiencing increasing numbers of staff and adults testing positive for COVID 19 within the school community.

In order to reduce the risk of further positive cases within the school community, I have taken the decision for the whole school to, again, work in bubbles. Therefore, the children will not be mixing with other year groups in the playground and will be kept apart as much as possible throughout the school. This will include at lunchtime and playtime.

I must therefore respectfully request that you keep your children with you whilst waiting in the playground before school and, if you bring siblings from the Junior School into the playground in the afternoon, they must remain with you too. It is your responsibility to supervise your children before and after school. Please make sure childminders and other carers are aware of this.

Although not compulsory, I urge you and your family to use the free lateral flow tests twice each week to detect any signs of the dreaded virus as early as possible and, if in any doubt, seek a PCR test. Please be vigilant and do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms - new continuous cough, high fever or loss of sense of smell or taste.

I will continue to notify you of any further positive cases using the Essex County Council model letter. Please note that each letter is dated to avoid confusion.

At this time, I cannot give tell you how long these arrangements will be for, but can assure you that the situation is reviewed on a daily basis.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

Learning is a journey, not a destination

