

### MRS FLINT

We are sad to tell you that Mrs Flint has taken the decision to retire at the end of October. She has been a very important part of our school for many years, formerly as a Teaching Assistant and also as our Parent Link and Pupil Counsellor. We are very sorry to lose her commitment and expertise, but we all wish her the very best for the future.

We will be making an appointment to replace her in her role supporting children and parents, but there will be a short period of time in which we do not have anyone in this role. During this time, we will be making arrangements for children to continue to have the chance to meet with a staff member to discuss worries. If any parents need someone to talk to, please do get in touch as members of the leadership team will be happy to find the right person to offer you time. Don't be hesitant to do this, as we know how important this work has been to so many people.

The PTFA have organised the annual Christmas card making in school again this year. Due to supply issues, they are using a different company with slightly different arrangements. In the next few days, your child will bring home their individual design, with a letter explaining what to do. These need to be returned to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the very latest, as they need to place the order by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

As we are unable to mix year groups in school, we are not able to complete the sibling cards in school this year. If you have more than one child at Watermore, your eldest child will be sent home with a blank card to complete together at home. If you have a child not at Watermore and you would like them to make one together, please let us know and we will send a spare. These also need to be returned by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the very latest. Thank you!



### WELCOME TO WATERMORE

This week we are delighted to welcome Belhemy to Year 3 and also Mrs Oldfield, who will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 5. We hope that they will both be very happy at Watermore.

### TYING UP OF LONG HAIR

We are trying to keep children apart as much as possible, and this should mean that head lice ought to spread less easily than usual. However, you will appreciate that total distancing within a classroom is not always possible. Therefore we ask that all children with hair below shoulder length have it tied back for school.

As well as the issue of head lice, long hair can be dangerous in some practical lessons and PE sessions, so this is another reason for hair being tied up. We would be grateful if you would ensure any child that has longer hair keeps it tied up.

### COVID TESTING

We continue to be grateful to you all for continuing to be vigilant with your children who might be displaying symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, continuous cough, lost or change of taste or smell). If possible, please try and access a test at a site rather than a home test. This means that, if negative, your child will be back at school much faster. There are at least six test centres within a 45 minute drive of our school at the following locations:

- Netham Park, Bristol (walk-through): 22 minutes
- Victoria Rooms, Bristol (walk-through): 26 minutes
- Bristol Airport (drive-through): 35 minutes
- Rodney Parade, Newport (drive-through): 40 minutes
- Gloucester (drive-through): 40 minutes
- Wroughton Park and Ride, Swindon (drive-through): 45 mins

In addition to these, pop up sites may be added at any time. The test booking site uploads new tests at many times of day so do keep refreshing the page and aim for a walk-through or drive-through test if possible.

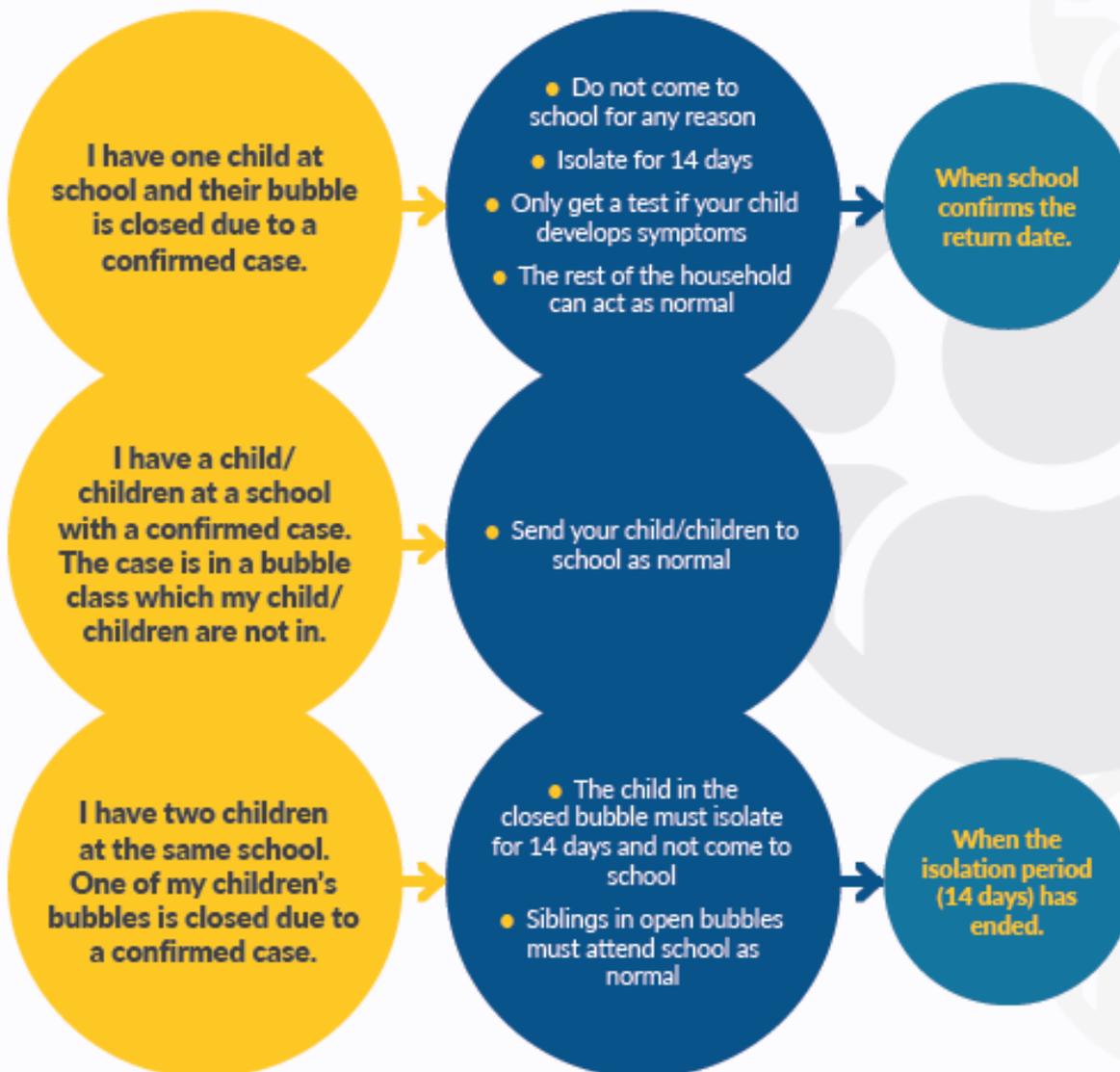
### SEN SURVEY

The local authority have asked us to make parents aware of a survey they are currently carrying out. Please complete the survey at this link if your child has any support from our SEN provision. Link: <https://bit.ly/33n0x75>



# Parents – keeping you **safe** at our school

## What to do if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 at your child's school:



**Stop the spread. Do the right thing.**