

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, we have had a number of positive cases of Covid-19 in our school over the last 2 weeks which have resulted in all year groups having to self-isolate at some point. We desperately want to minimise the impact of a positive test result amongst our school community and reduce the number of pupils needing to self-isolate at any one time.

On Monday 30th November we will be introducing new arrangements for the organisation of our school which will mean tighter controls for social distancing and will place pupils in smaller bubbles.

Our new arrangements will mean that fewer classes will join together to form a bubble instead of the whole year group. This has been exceptionally complicated to organise because of the impact it has on children's break times, lunchtimes, PE slots outside and much more, however we have sorted something that we would like to trial until Christmas.

Year groups will be split as follows:

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bubble 1	3W 3A 3S	4S 4M	5H 5B	6N 6C
Bubble 2	3G 3Wy	4T 4L	5By 5I	6M 6W

Children will play out, have lunch and may walk their 'daily mile' with others in their newly formed bubble but will not come into close contact with the other classes in their year group, or the rest of the school.

The main issue we face is in relation to lunchtimes. We already ask parents/carers to send a healthy snack for break time due to some year groups having a very early or very late lunch. ***This should continue for all year groups; please do not put playtime snacks in your child's lunch box. They should be kept separate and taken into the classroom each morning. Thank you.*** Unfortunately, the changes mean that year 6 will now have an even later lunch. This is what we were previously trying to avoid but we now have no choice if we are to try and ensure large numbers of children are not affected by a positive case.

To ensure that our year 6 children do not go hungry, in addition to their playtime snack which they bring from home, we will provide all year 6 children with a choice of one free healthy snack every morning e.g. a piece of fruit, a bag of carrot sticks, a granola slice or a box of raisins which they can eat during a second short break. This should keep their hunger at bay until their lunch.

Although by no means ideal, I hope you can see that we are trying our best to find a solution to this unprecedented situation we find ourselves in. As I said, we are trialling the changes, and will amend them if necessary as we are going along in order to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can.

We look forward to seeing year 3 return on Monday 30th November, year 6 on Wednesday 2nd December, year 4 on Thursday 3rd December and year 5 on Thursday 10th December (unless, of course, your child has been told otherwise).

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during these very challenging times. Take care, stay safe and have a good weekend.

Linda Laird - Headteacher