



**St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As in all schools we have an increased amount of children testing positive for COVID. This is due to the infection levels of the Omicron variant and the new system of Lateral Flow Testing.

In years 5 & 6 we have a higher number of children testing positive and in discussion with Leeds Health and Safety Team have decided to put additional measures in place to help limit the spread amongst the children. Many of the children who are positive have reported having a headache and feeling sick. These are not the typical symptoms and do not mean they have COVID but please be vigilant.

The children are already taught in class bubbles and we continue to follow the rules regarding ventilation, cleaning and only mix with other children at break and lunch time. From Monday, for one week in the first instance the children will eat their meals in their classrooms, they will still have the same options as normal but the meals will be delivered to them. They will then go out to play in class groups in separate playgrounds.

We are doing everything we can to keep children in school as it is the best place for them to learn and we believe where ever possible and safe we should keep classes open. We will review the situation next Friday and will update you.

As a parent and the headteacher I know this is a worrying time and we need to be very careful but we do not want children to stay off from school unless they are ill or have a positive LFT or positive PCR test.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE VIGILANT AND IF YOUR CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS YOU ARRANGE A PCR TEST.**

**WE RECOMMEND YOU DO A LFT THIS WEEKEND**

Kind regards

Mrs Wainwright

Headteacher.

