

12 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It is fantastic to see all of our pupils in school and as we have reached the end of this first week of our full re-opening, I wanted to update you regarding a few key points.

I must report that already we have had to send home a 'bubble' following a positive test result. This is obviously disappointing for everyone involved, but unfortunately a necessary consequence of a positive test. However, I want to reiterate that we are doing everything we can to reduce the risk of transmission in school.

**The strategies in place are:-**

- Social distancing wherever possible
- Hand hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning
- Good ventilation in all classrooms
- Year group bubbles and zones
- Staggered breaks, lunches and finishing times
- Testing pupils 3 times on their return and twice weekly testing of staff
- Use of face coverings

I am certain that you will share our view that we desperately do not want to send 'bubbles' home following positive cases, so could I urge everyone to follow the latest ([Covid19:Coronavirus](#)) guidance at home so that **we can maximise the attendance of all our pupils in the months ahead.**

The conduct and behaviour of the vast majority of our pupils has been magnificent this week. We are very proud of them. Please continue to support us by encouraging your children to comply with the rules and so help us to minimise the chance of sending pupils home. The staff have worked exceptionally hard to ensure a smooth return to school and we are all glad to be in real classrooms and teaching real pupils again.

Traffic congestion along Rookery Avenue has been particularly bad this week. Can I therefore please ask all parents **TO REFRAIN FROM DRIVING DOWN ROOKERY AVENUE AND, TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR PUPILS, I MUST INSIST THAT YOU DO NOT USE THE SCHOOL CAR PARK** to either drop off or pick up. We have informed all pupils that the school's designated drop off point is **St Oswald's Church** car park on **St Oswald's Avenue**. In the interests of everyone's safety, please comply with this request.

Also, there have been a few issues with bus companies running limited services this week. These have now been resolved and full services are in operation.

Finally, if you or your child are struggling with any aspect of the return to school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we will do our very best to help.

Yours faithfully



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