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Dear Parents and Carers

Update on COVID-19 – changes to procedures

After consulting with Public Health England and Slough Borough Council's Health and Safety Team, the school will be moving to classroom COVID-19 bubbles from the start of the Summer Term. This decision has been made so as to avoid the closure of whole year group bubbles which has had a severe disruption on many classes, to many families and to the school.

Our updated risk assessment emphasises that all indoor activities should be undertaken in strict class bubbles. Where this is not possible strict 2 metre social distancing rules and the requirement for well-ventilated areas will be in place to further minimise the risk.

Some activities such as clubs and assemblies will take place in year group bubbles but staff have been reminded that there should be social distancing between children and classes and where possible these activities should be outdoors. Children will sit in the dinner hall in their classroom bubbles, and when they have lunch and play, they will be reminded about Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air to further minimise the risk.

Our staff continue to undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests and we encourage all families to also undertake these tests as it will help the school to minimise any risk of the spread of COVID.

It is important to remind all parents and carers that if any member of their household has signs or symptoms of COVID, their child or children must remain at home until the member of the household has been tested. If they test positive, then your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days.

Parent and carers should be reminded that if you or a member of your family test positive for a lateral flow test, then you will need to confirm this with a PCR test which is also available from Montem.

Parents and carers should continue to alert the school when their child has tested positive for COVID (either LFT and/or PCR positive test).

The school will then take decisive action to close the class bubble therefore avoiding further spread of COVID. Parents and Carers will receive a text message to state that there has been a breach in their child's class and their child should not attend school for the stated period (usually 10 days from the positive test or the when the symptoms first started).

If a class bubble has to self-isolate, the class will be asked to access learning through our Remote Learning Teams live lessons. We will send out the Teams Link to children in that class as soon as practicably possible.

It is clear that the infection rate in Slough has dramatically reduced in the last 2 months but the school remains vigilant and we will continue to monitor the local situation and update parents and carers when necessary.

Yours sincerely

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