



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Dear Parents,

Following on from my letter earlier today and after advice from Public Health I have made the decision to re-implement some of our enhanced safety measures in an attempt to curb this current outbreak and safeguard face to face teaching (to avoid the re-introduction of remote learning where possible). The measures we are re-introducing will be in place until at least Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.

Firstly, from tomorrow the classes will return to 'bubbles' this will mean that they will only mix with children from their bubble during the day including break times and lunchtimes.

At lunchtime; children in Reception and Year 1/2 will use the hall to eat (at different times) and the KS2 children will eat lunch in their classroom. Children will also access the outdoor spaces at allocated times to ensure there is no crossover.

There will be a temporary change to the school lunch menu to ease the pressure on the kitchen as most lunches will now be served in 'take-out' packaging. The menu tomorrow (Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan) will be as normal and the change will start from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan (menu to follow).

As we have re-bubbled the children, we will have to temporarily suspend Breakfast Club and all after school clubs from tomorrow (Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan) to at least Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January, I realise that this will temporarily be a huge inconvenience but unfortunately these are contexts where children from across the school mix together.

At the moment we do not intend to re-introduce staggered starts and staggered finishes so the beginning and end of the day routines will remain the same however, please be mindful of social distancing where possible.

As I stated in my earlier letter, whilst regular testing is your choice, we would strongly encourage this as it helps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide LFD tests in school so please source these via community testing sites, the local pharmacies or you can order online for home delivery.

I apologise that these measures are being introduced at short notice but this has been a quickly evolving situation. I realise that it will cause inconvenience for some families, however, we wanted to act quickly and decisively to avoid the need to switch to remote learning, to safeguard our school community and keep the school open.

If you need any help or advice, please do not hesitate in contacting the school and thank you in anticipation of your support with these measures.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jodie Flynn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Jodie Flynn  
Headteacher