



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you have had a good week.

I am writing to inform you that we have had a COVID-19 outbreak predominantly in Years 3-6, who are all situated in the Tower Hill building. As advised by public health, we have had to review our BeDifferent risk assessment and consider the expectations outlined in our outbreak management plan. This will result in the reintroduction of year group 'bubbles' for Years 3-6 only for a temporary period, to reduce the mixing across year groups. This will involve some reorganisation of our internal school systems to include the time that the children eat their lunch, how the children are organised in Breakfast and After School Club, reducing the amount of transitions through the building and the number of visitors that we have on site. We will be asking visitors to the school to wear a mask or face shield. Please also note that we will **cancel** all after school Rapid Recovery sessions, to enable our After School club provision to be relocated to many more of our classrooms, keeping children in year groups. All children will have their Mathematics or phonics learning (Year 1 only) uploaded to the Google Classroom on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday instead until the week ending **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.

Our systems of control will include the prioritising of good hygiene for everyone, maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes and keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

At the moment we are only inviting families to school events in groups of no more than 30 so any planned Family Feast lunches and workshops may still go ahead as planned. You may want to do a lateral flow test ahead of coming into the school building, in the same way that we will as staff be regularly doing lateral flow tests. Any rooms that host family events will be very well ventilated so please do wrap up warm.

We hope that these measures will prevent the spread of the coronavirus further within the school so that our Christmas plans are not affected.

### **Coronavirus guidance**

We are still working within the **Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (Covid-19) infection**: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible, keeping your child at home and informing us at the office. This still applies to anyone that has had one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine. If your child tests positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

From the 16<sup>th</sup> August, if you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months you will not be required to self-isolate, if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. If you are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not fully vaccinated and you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you should stay at home and self-isolate.

### **The Google Classroom**

We will still be required to provide remote education to any child that is self-isolating and is well enough to be learning from home. Your child's Google classroom login details are included on the inside of your child's Reading Record. The Google Classroom will continue to be an 'active' platform for us to share learning with your child and to communicate with you.





Your vigilance and understanding is appreciated and I will inform you, as soon as the organisation of the school can resume.

Mrs Bull  
Chief Executive Headteacher

