

# 2nd July 2021

## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

I always smile when people suggest pupils and teachers are winding down at this time of year. We seem to be busier than ever! The children are still working very hard but are also able to enjoy some of the outdoor lessons more, such as preparation for Sports Day.

Yesterday, I had to make the difficult decision to close the Y1 classes due to a single positive case. Please rest assured this decision is made with Public Health England, Public Health Dorset and BCP. It is not a decision that is made lightly at all to close an entire bubble.

It would be amazing if we could all start the summer break without any group of the school community having to isolate. Please continue to follow the government guidelines and keep our community as safe as possible.

## **When to get a PCR test over an LFT (rapid test):**

If you **do not** have symptoms, you can use an LFT test. About 1 in 3 people with CV19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. You can use these tests twice a week leaving 3-4 days between each test.

If you have symptoms (even if you have done an LFT test) you must book and take a PCR test. The entire household must isolate with them.

If the PCR test comes back negative and the pupil still has symptoms/feels unwell, the pupil must stay off school until they are better. If they feel well with a negative result and no other member of the household has symptoms or is positive, the pupil may return to school.

If you have been contacted through track and trace to isolate, regardless of whether you have a negative result, you must isolate for the 10 day duration or as otherwise instructed by track and trace.

If in any doubt, always refer to the NHS and government guidelines or phone 119.

## **Absence reporting:**

Other than in the case of bubble collapse, you must ring and report absence daily.

The office and safeguarding team do not have time to chase absent families.

Failure to report absence will go down as unauthorised until a reason from you as parents is confirmed.

If a child is not in school on time and no reason for absence is reported, it becomes a safeguarding concern and the police may be informed to conduct a safe and welfare check of the pupil.

## **Transition and new classes:**

Due to needing to make a new class teacher appointment and with the Y1 bubble collapse, we will now be aiming to hold our transition day on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

We do appreciate how late this is but hope you will understand sometimes things are beyond our control.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend.