



**Weston CofE (VC) Primary & Nursery
School**

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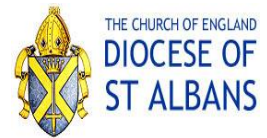
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Dear Parent or Carer

I am writing to inform you that a number of children, across more than one class, at the school have tested positive for Covid-19. This morning, the number passed the threshold at which the school has to start to follow its Outbreak Management Plan and re-introduce some elements of the 'bubble' arrangement in school once more. We are re-starting these arrangements immediately.

This means that we are having to keep the children in the following 'bubbles' throughout the school day;

- Donaldson Class
- Years 1 to 3 – Carle and Blake classes
- Years 4 to 6 – Blackman and Lewis classes

This means returning to the 'bubbles' arrangement we used before Christmas. Each 'bubble' will have separate morning and lunch breaks, with Donaldson class eating their lunch in their classroom and using their class outdoor space instead of the playground.

At the start of the school day, please drop your child at the outside door to their classroom, as we did in December. If you wish, you may use the same 1-way system as we used back in the summer. However, we do NOT need to return to the use of staggered start and finish times for the school day, since the risk of passing on the virus outdoors is much less and the proportion of adults who have been vaccinated is now high.

We are putting in place various other measures as per the advice for schools in our situation, such as switching to remote assemblies and staff meetings once more and cancelling/postponing sports fixtures against other schools, only running clubs that keep the children in their 'bubbles' etc.

If your child is unwell in any way, please follow the usual advice and keep them off school to reduce the risk of more cases spreading through the school community. Regular lateral flow tests can help by detecting asymptomatic cases too.

I will be seeking advice about the length of time we need to keep these 'bubble' arrangements in place for and will keep you updated. Fortunately, we had already planned to complete the Parent Evenings by phone, so there will be no need to change these plans.

Yours faithfully

Geoff Holmes
Head Teacher

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'Pupils are confident and self-assured and enjoy their learning.'

'Pupils behave very well.'

