



St White's Primary School

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Friday 12th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to thank you all very much indeed for your continuing support in these challenging times. I am grateful for your kindness and patience with the school while we plan to reopen as safely as possible.

We would like to extend our thanks to all the parents/carers and children who have returned. Everyone has very quickly got used to the 'new normal' and everything is running very smoothly.

The government advised that primary schools should implement measures to maximise the amount of distance between groups, such as staggered opening and closing times, break and lunch times, and no staff or child movement between 'bubbles'. They also advised schools not to run a rota system. The school is currently running 10 classes which will have a maximum of 15 children in them.

Our class 'bubbles' are working well and we are confident that we can keep your children as safe as possible using our new procedures. There are some implications in maintaining the bubbles that we would like to share with you.

- Firstly, we are encouraging anyone who has symptoms to get a test and inform the school of the outcome. Schools have to inform Public Health England (PHE) if there is a suspected or confirmed case in school and they will advise on further actions. These actions could include closing the 'bubble' so that everyone in the 'bubble' can self-isolate for 14 days in case they begin to show symptoms. I felt that it was important to alert you to this possibility as this could have a significant impact on those of you who are working especially. If this happens, we will of course keep you fully informed and share any information that we are given to make sure that everyone is as safe as possible.





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- Secondly, every bubble obviously has its own teacher. If that teacher cannot come to school because they are unwell or need to self-isolate themselves, unfortunately, the bubble must close as we cannot keep the bubble intact if we transfer staff over into the bubble, and all the teachers are teaching. I can reassure you that the staff at this school have a very good attendance record so we are hoping that this will not happen, but if it does, we will alert you as quickly as possible. I am very sorry that this will cause you considerable disruption if you are working, but I'm afraid it is unavoidable if we are to keep your children safe.

Once again, we would like to thank you all for your support as we have begun to open more widely. We are trying our very best to ensure that our reopening plans are as manageable as possible for all families. We know that some of the strategies that we have had to adopt have been a challenge for you and we are very grateful for your understanding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards

Clare Tilling
Headteacher

Matt Bishop
Chair of Governors

