



Children are at the centre of everything we do

Monday 24 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I thought it would be useful to provide you with a further Covid update.

During last week and over the weekend our COVID positive cases at Greenway have continued to increase. As of this morning, we are now in a situation where we have three 'outbreaks' within the school. These are in Reception, Year 5 and Year 6. You will recall that an outbreak is defined as '**5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test(ing) positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period**'. We also continue to have some positive cases in some other classes. Following Government and Local Authority guidance we continue to update our outbreak/contingency plan on a regular basis

Mrs Bassil (Reception teacher) is not well and will be off work this week. Mrs Coleman (Reception practitioner) is getting better and should be back in school by Thursday. I have arranged staffing for the week. Reception children coped really well last week with the staffing changes, and I am sure will continue to do so!

Reception and Year 6 classes operated in their bubbles last week and will continue to do so this week. From today, Year 5 will be placed in their own bubble, so that we can reduce their mixing with other classes both indoors and outdoors. Children from these years groups will be allocated their own area in Breakfast and Afterschool club.

You will appreciate that our aim is to reduce these three classes mixing with other year groups and hopefully reduce the number of cases. We appreciate that this is difficult outside of school as some of the children will have siblings in other year groups who they will inevitably see, but I would ask that you continue to use caution and ensure that good hygiene practises are maintained at home.

Due to the ongoing spread we have postponed all sporting fixtures this week and will continue to monitor for next week. We have also made the decision to cancel clubs where year groups cannot be kept in bubbles to further limit contact between year groups. These clubs are:

- All lunch clubs
- All football training
- Netball club

We will continue to monitor the situation and we will communicate to you if and when a restart becomes appropriate.

Please may I ask you to be extra vigilant with regards your child/ren feeling poorly.

DfE updated guidance states:

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Please may I ask parents/carers to email school as soon as a positive LFD or PCR is received, so that we can maintain an up to date picture across the school.

We wish those who are unwell a speedy recovery.

Regards

Katharine Ellwood
Headteacher