



Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another week, I would like to celebrate the children's continued focus and hard work. Classes have certainly re-established their learning behaviours and this has been evident in the great work that is being produced. I have enjoyed visiting all the classes through the use of Zoom in my online Values Assemblies and this has been a lovely way of bringing different classes together through the use of technology.

I am sure at this point, with the current pandemic, many of you will now be familiar with the testing process for Covid-19. I am pleased to share that any tests that have been taken, have all come back with a negative result. However, I would like to share with you in advance, what would happen if we were notified of a positive test result.

If a child or staff member receives a positive test result, it is essential that the school is informed immediately. The school would then contact the Department for Education to seek advice of the next steps we would be required to take. The child or staff member who tests positive will need to self-isolate for 10 days and members of the household will also need to isolate for 14 days.

It is very likely that the bubble in which the child or staff member has been working in will be closed and everyone in that bubble will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. The reason for this is because any child or staff member may have been in contact with a positive case. People who live with that child or staff member who has been exposed to someone who has tested positive, but that person is not displaying positive symptoms themselves, do not need to isolate.

When we receive notification that the bubble group will need to isolate, we will send out a Parent Pay message to all of the families within the bubble informing you of this decision. You would then be required to make your way to school as swiftly as possible to collect your child and take them home. With this in mind, it is vital that parents inform us straight away to any changes to contact information such as email addresses and phone numbers. Please do this by emailing head@tma.bucks.sch.uk

When you arrive at school, you will need to collect your child from the usual gate entrance for the year group. Please remember to ensure you are social distancing from others at all times whilst waiting for your child to be brought out to you.

After the initial Parent Pay message to request that you collect your child, a letter will be sent out to you also confirming that a case has been identified as positive. The letter will outline what to expect from remote learning whilst your child is self-isolating and it will also include a link to a Zoom meeting. This Zoom meeting will allow parents and carers to take part in a briefing meeting with the Head Teacher and following this a question and answer session will be held. This Zoom meeting will take place on the following day after the initial closure of the bubble.

I hope that we will not have to follow these procedures, however, I thought it would be helpful to outline what would happen in the event of a positive case and help to prepare everyone for the events that would follow. If you have any questions about this plan of action, please do not hesitate to contact the school using the email address head@tma.bucks.sch.uk

Please remember that on **Tuesday 22nd September**, the children will be having their individual school photographs taken.

Friday 25th September is the date for this year's 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' which takes place each year raising money for cancer support. Normally we would invite our parents and carers into school to join us for a cup of tea and a piece of cake to support with this charity. This event is always well supported by our community and it is a shame due to the current situation, we are unable to do this in the same way this year. Instead, we are asking our children to bring in an individual cake or sweet treat for themselves as a snack for their Friday morning break time and if choosing to, we would ask that the children bring in a donation for this worthy cause.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful weekend.

With very best wishes,

Lucy Eldridge

Head of Two Mile Ash School