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New Pupil (Year R, 2)

Headteacher's Email 18.01.2021

Monday 18th January 2021

Good Morning Everyone

Year 4 BUBBLE CLOSURE

A staff member from within the Y4 bubble has been confirmed on Saturday night as positive with Covid19 and will remain closed for the rest of the week. Children can return on Monday 25th January. Y4 parents and staff members affected were all informed within 45 minutes of the initial notification by Mrs Gawman and myself. If you are concerned about any information related to school, please can you contact us directly - the use of social media and 'gossip' groups are not a reliable source of facts and you may be causing unnecessary worry or distress to others.

Year 1 BUBBLE CLOSURE

A child from within the Y1 bubble was confirmed as positive on Sunday lunchtime and will remain closed this week - children can return on Tuesday 26th January

SELF ISOLATION

The above children and associated staff members are all required to self isolate for 10 days from the point of last contact. A 'negative' test is not a substitute for this period and you should only get a Covid test if you start to display symptoms.

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

SCHOOL LOTTERY

On Saturday our second draw took place and another lucky winner received £20 - a welcome bonus and a lot better odds than the national lotto!

If we increase sales, then the prizes will also increase so please follow this link to sign up and buy tickets for just £1:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/tavistock-primary-and-nursery-school>

In the first 2 weeks this lottery has raised £17.80 for our school.

COVID TESTS

Thank you to Tavistock College for offering optional lateral flow tests to members of our staff. We understand that this procedure will also shortly be required for primary schools - for staff members, **not children**.

TECHNOLOGY

If you have any issues with lack of devices, data limitations, technical 'knowhow', internet access, Tapestry - then please get in touch.

Last Monday we had notification from the Department for Education that we were now permitted to apply for more laptops and we have submitted an order for 32. We await their delivery.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have ordered vouchers for Week 1 (4 days £12 per child) from the company Wonde as they were very efficient in providing vouchers during the last lockdown period. We are waiting to hear from the government about the start of the national scheme (Company - Edenred) and will need to change to them later this week. Eligible families who are not at school should have received vouchers at the end of last week. Please get in touch if you haven't got them.

Best wishes,

Lynnette Selbie

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

NURSERY

We are doing our best to accept a small group of key worker children on Wednesday. We will be in touch with eligible parents as soon as we can.

SAFEGUARDING

We all have a responsibility to ensure that children are safe. During last year's lockdown period and holidays March to September there was a significant increase in the number of children being harmed at home. At school we have a duty to report any concerns we have or reported incidents. It is vital that you, as protective parents, keep in good contact with us – on Zoom, answering your phone, replying to messages. We are then able to support if situations become difficult.

REMOTE LEARNING STRATEGY - ZOOM/TAPESTRY LINKS

Despite the technical issues, we have had absolutely superb engagement from the vast majority of children at this school and are so proud that children at home are trying so hard with their learning.

Parents – you are doing a fantastic job of working with us and supporting your children. We understand what a difficult 'juggling' job this can be, when you may have different ages at home, limited devices and can be trying to work or study yourself. Do let us know and we will always try to support.

Following feedback from parents/carers and discussions with teachers working online, we have adapted some of our strategy and hope this will improve the connection between home and school:

- Where possible (and technology permitting), teachers will upload learning tasks the night before the morning Zoom call.
- Teachers will respond and make comments on 3 pieces of work although they will see all uploads.
- Teachers will make comments between 9am and 3pm.
- Parents are encouraged to write notes about whether their child needed adult support with their learning. Please allow your child to make mistakes. It is the mistakes that often demonstrate any misconceptions your child may have.

ATTENDANCE/ENGAGEMENT WITH SCHOOL

Last week 305/336 (91%) of YR – Y6 children had completed their work either at home or on site.

