



The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth Achieving Together for a Brighter Future

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you that there has been an increase in the number of positive lateral flow tests at the school. We are committed to doing all we can to keep our children, families, staff and wider community safe.

With this at the forefront of our minds, we are putting the following precautionary measures in place from the 11th November 2021 for 2 weeks to help prevent further infections and hopefully enable us to carry out our Christmas events and celebrations as usual.

From 11th November, for 2 weeks we will:

- We will return to our class bubble groups.
- The children will return to eating their lunches in their classrooms/or spaced out in the hall and will be kept separately in their bubble groups during play times.
- The children will not be attending any whole school or key stage Collective Worships; we will return to virtual Collective Worship – therefore Year 4 Sharing Collective Worship will be postponed for the next two weeks. We apologise for this, as we know the children were very excited, we look forward to seeing it when we can come together safely again.
- We will cancel after school clubs although after school care will continue with the children being kept separately in their bubble groups as much as possible. We will rearrange any missed clubs and carry forward any money paid.
- School events will be postponed e.g. Tag Rugby to minimise the spread.
- We will continue to ensure that classes are thoroughly cleaned at regular intervals.
- We will continue to emphasise and encourage good hand hygiene as children arrive at school and at regular intervals throughout the school day.
- Staff members may choose to wear a mask in school and staff members will be encouraged to wear face masks in public areas.
- We will be reducing the number of visitors to the school and ask that any parents coming onto the school site wear a mask.

Your child should continue to attend school as normal, unless they are unwell. Please let the School Office know if your child is not well enough to attend school and clearly state the reason for non-attendance.

A reminder that the main symptoms of COVID 19 are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of these symptoms, please get a PCR test to check if they have COVID 19 and keep them at home until you receive the result, even if the symptoms are mild.

If your child is isolating whilst waiting for the result or has received a positive result and is well enough to continue with their learning whilst they are isolating, please contact the School Office and let us know. They will inform the class teacher who will arrange work for your child.

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If this situation changes at any time and your child begins to feel unwell, please contact the School Office and let us know so that the teacher is not chasing up on work when your child is unwell.

Thank you for your continued support, we sincerely hope to return to normal as soon as possible.

Warmest regards,

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