



# Bayford (C of E) Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Outbreak of Covid-19 at Bayford**

Further to my letter I sent yesterday, I am writing to tell you that we now have four children from Class 1 off with positive Covid-19 tests. This now means we meet the DfE guidance threshold for a Covid-19 outbreak and we will be implementing our outbreak plan with immediate effect.

This means we are temporarily reverting to some of the measures we had in place when school re-opened to all children after the last lockdown. In the first instance, we will be reverting to class bubbles with following measures to ensure mixing is reduced where possible...

## **Drop off and Pick Up**

All children will come in and out of school using the main entrance. We believe that the soft start to the day is enough to keep children in different classes separate from each other when dropping off in the morning. However, we will open the playground gates a little earlier to avoid the need for children to queue at the gate. Please do not bring your children earlier than 8.40am as this could cause queuing. If you arrive early, please wait in your car and try to choose a time between 8.40am and 8.55am when there are fewer people around. Children should wait in the playground by their classroom doors to be let in by an adult from school (Class 1 children ONLY should come in via the conservatory).

Pick up at the end of the day will be from the playground at the usual time and children will be let out of their classrooms by school adults.

Could we please ask that adults dropping off and picking up their children do their best to socially distance from each other and do not wait around to chat with other parents after dropping off and collecting.

## **Playtimes and Lunchtimes**

Where possible, we will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes. Where this is not possible, each class will be allocated a separate section of the playground.

## **Use of the Hall**

As classes are not able to mix, children will either eat in their classrooms, or one class at a time will use the hall with tables and chairs being cleaned between sittings.

We will not be able to mix classes for collective worship and, unfortunately, practice for the Class 1 & 2 production of Christmas with the Aliens will have to stop. Further information about the planned Christmas shows will follow in due course.

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### Clubs

When we were in bubbles previously, we were still able to continue with clubs before and after school, mixing children from different bubbles. However, until we have had confirmation from the Herts Education COVID team, clubs this week will be cancelled (including football training for the football team). We hope to have confirmation by the end of the week if we can resume them.

In my letter yesterday, I asked everybody to watch out for the usual symptoms of Covid-19 in your children. However, it was pointed out to me today by the parent of one of our children who has recently tested positive by PCR, that the usual symptoms – new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell, high temperature – are not present in many people who have tested positive. The child in question just had headaches and tiredness and an adult in the same household who tested positive only had traditional cold symptoms and only lost their sense of taste and smell a few days after testing positive.

As a school, we cannot ask you to test your children using an LFT test. However, from speaking to different parents, it does sound like many of you are already testing your children occasionally, so if you are, perhaps testing them now by LFT would be a good idea. We may catch a few more children who are positive but not showing any symptoms and may be able to stop any further spread within classes or across the school.

I know our parents are very supportive of the school and I am sure you will all do your best to abide by the things we have had to put in place on our outbreak plan. I would like to thank you in advance for doing so.

Yours Sincerely

*Malcom Foster*