

Whitley & Eggborough
Community Primary School
Caring, Helping and Sharing

**Contingency Outbreak Update for Whitley and Eggborough Community
Primary School**

Monday 6th December 2021

Following an increase in confirmed and suspected positive cases across the whole school we are implementing a Contingency Outbreak Plan - details of which can be found below. The main reason for this is to try and reduce the spread of infection to enable a Christmas for all.

Recommended Advice for all Children

- **We STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT CHILDREN IN MAPLE / CHESTNUT / ACORN AND ELM CLASSES go for a PCR test as these are the classes where infections are and have been higher in the past ten days. Your child does not need to isolate while they are awaiting results unless they are displaying symptoms.**
- Please re-familiarise yourself with Google Classroom logins in the event that we need to revert to online learning at short notice. Details of class codes are on the website for each class.

Information for Parents and Carers can be found by using the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Non Negotiable Actions

- Bubbles are being reintroduced with immediate effect for classes / and wrap around care clubs.
- We are reverting back to lunches in classes and separate bubble play times for the remainder of the term.
- Booster groups / and after school clubs (including Young Voices singing practice) are cancelled until January 2022.
- All adults must wear face coverings when entering the school site.
- All adults (including staff) must social distance when collecting children or dropping off and when on school site.
- Once collected children must stay with their parents and not run off to play with other children until off site.
- We are not allowing external visitors into school until further notice.

Continuation of Good Practice

- Frequent hand washing throughout the day.
- Not sharing equipment between children.
- Use of hand sanitizer (children able and permitting).
- Continuation of ventilation in classes - please dress warmly.
- Continuation of **“Catch it Kill it Bin it”**
- **Reintroduction of one way systems around school**
- **Limiting numbers of staff mixing**

Regrettable Actions in line NYCC PH Advice for Educational Settings- we are truly sorry for this.

- Acorn & Elm classes Nativity will be cancelled on Thursday 9th December. These two classes in particular have some of the highest numbers of current infections. We will share the nativity as a recording and more details will be sent in due course.
- Pre school September 2022 craft session on Friday 10th December - 13:45pm is cancelled. Please share with any friends and neighbours who you know might have been planning to come. We will endeavour to provide an event early January 2022 instead.

Continuation of Events

- Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December will still go ahead.
- Christmas Lunches will be served in classes.
- Class parties will continue in class bubbles.

Continued and Unchanged Advice

- If a child displays any of the three core symptoms of a continuous cough / temperature or loss or taste of smell they **MUST** have a PCR and isolate until results are received. **(LFT tests in these cases are NOT sufficient).**
- Children present in a household with a positive case are **ADVISED TO TAKE A PCR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. If not showing symptoms they may attend school. However you may choose to isolate them, if so please call or email Miss Langridge to confirm absence. (headteacher@whitley.n-yorks.sch.uk) Home learning will be provided. **It should be noted that positive cases are coming back from PCRs even though LFTs have been negative.**
- Remote learning for all children isolating either with covid or due to close contact will have Remote Learning provided through Google Classroom with immediate effect.

IN THE EVENT OF A SUSPECTED OMICRON POSITIVE TEST - ALL CONTACTS ARE REQUIRED TO ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS.