

Dear Parent and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support to protect our bubbles by wearing masks on site. We are working hard to ensure that all remains as 'normal' as possible for your children in these challenging times. We are predicting that it is going to become more difficult to secure supply cover for any staff absences, so the following contingency plans are in place in case of staff shortages:

- In the event of multiple staff absences in a bubble, a restricted curriculum would be offered or as a last resort a bubble may close for the day.
- A restricted curriculum would be where the normally planned and differentiated full curriculum is not offered, but children will attend and will carry out purposeful alternative activities under supervision.
- A daily update will be available on the school's website which parents are encouraged to check before school every day. The default message will be that all classes are open. It will change when necessary to show any classes that have to provide a restricted curriculum for the day or even close for the day.
- Closing any bubbles would be the last resort; only in the event of high staff absence and after all other options have been exhausted.

### Diary Dates

#### November

2<sup>nd</sup> Start of Term 2

#### December

18<sup>th</sup> End of Term 2

#### January

4<sup>th</sup> Inset Training Day

5<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 3

### Home-time Collection

If you have more than one child in school and need to collect from different classes, please could you access school at the later collection time to reduce your time on the school site. Children will be kept in class until the later time for you.

### Contact Details

Please could you check that the school has your up to date contact details, ensuring you inform us if anyone on your contact list has changed their phone number. Thank you.

### Breakfast Club & Afterschool Club

These clubs will continue throughout the lockdown period, unless numbers decrease to such a level that they are not viable. Please try to book them in advance so that we can ensure that there is the correct staffing in place. From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a change of gate for Breakfast Club, please access via the **main car park**, ring the bell on the gate and staff will let you in, you will then need to walk around the school playground to the usual back door and ring the bell again there. If for any reason the gate is not being opened (this is more likely before 8am), please phone the school.

### Children in Need

Children in Need will be taking place next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Teachers will be sending a note/message home about what their class will be doing to raise funds for the charity this year. Please try to send in a minimum donation of £1 if you are able to.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Davis

