



Executive Headteacher: Mr Jim Williams

'To learn every day, to help each other and to be happy.'

Thursday July 15th 2021

Arrangements for the last week of term

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, Monday July 19th marks a new phase (step 4) in the Government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

There will be changes to the procedures to contact tracing in education and childcare settings from 19.07.21. The key information relating to these changes are detailed within the accompanying letter. I have been advised that these changes will not affect the current isolation of the Year 2 and Year 4 year groups as these cases fall within the jurisdiction of the existing DfE / PHE guidance.

Within the most recent guidance issued by the DfE, the advice is that despite the movement into step 4 of the roadmap next week, schools can continue to implement existing measures which are aimed at reducing transmission for the remainder of the school year. Therefore, in order to avoid any confusion relating to our arrangements for next week, we will continue to operate in the same way as we have for the duration of this Summer Term:

- 1. Use existing drop-off and pick-up arrangements.**
- 2. Ask parents to wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up children.**
- 3. Ask that staff and visitors wear face coverings when in communal areas of the school.**
- 4. Ensure that pupils and staff will continue to work predominately within their year group bubbles.**

We are clearly witnessing a significant surge in covid-19 cases both locally and nationally and given our experiences of the past 16 months, it would be unwise to confidently finalise arrangements for September at this moment in time.

Should any child receive a positive test result over the weekend then please email:
jwilliams@northamfederation.devon.sch.uk

Key information relating to our operational guidance e.g. drop-off and pick-up arrangements will be shared with you during the week beginning August 30th 2021.

Your continued support throughout this challenging period of time continues to be greatly appreciated.

If you have any queries relating to any of the above information then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mr. Jim Williams
(Executive Headteacher)



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