



Date: 18th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Bubble closures following a positive case of COVID-19

As a Local Authority led school, we have always worked closely with Manchester City Council, in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Public Health England (PHE) to follow the most appropriate guidance for Oswald Road Primary School. We are all concerned however about the children's missed learning so have been in talks with the Local Authority to try and address this.

With this in mind, we are writing to inform you about a change to our bubble closure procedure. From next week, for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, if we receive a report about a positive COVID-19 case for any of the children, any contacts within the child's class or group sessions will be identified, and where possible only the class and identified contacts will need to isolate. Outside of the class setting, other contacts will be identified by Contact Tracing such as those children who have played together at break times or eaten dinner together. The current system requires the whole year bubble to close and we have worked carefully with the Local Authority to try and balance a safe way forward, which also addresses minimising missed face to face teaching.

Contact Tracing is not in place or recommended by the Local Authority for Early Years or Key Stage 1 as currently the Local Authority would doubt how accurately Contact Tracing could happen. Therefore Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to operate as whole year closures if a positive case of COVID-19 is reported in these year groups with a review as to how we move towards the next academic year.

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We know that the predominant variant of COVID-19 is very transmissible so we are continually reviewing our procedures and doing everything we can to reduce risks at school and create an inherently safer environment. Thankfully, we have seen very few new cases of COVID-19 in school following bubble closures and we're confident this will continue with Contact Tracing in place.

As a Head Teacher and mother, I hope you'll appreciate that I am as keen to keep the children in school as you are and we're doing everything we can to move towards a more flexible system, to ensure the children don't miss any more of their essential education while always keeping safety at the forefront of our decisions.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Deborah Howard

Head Teacher



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