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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are no doubt aware, we are continuing to experience cases of COVID at school, which are on the rise. There are now confirmed cases in all 4 classes. We are in touch with the Local Authority and the DfE regarding implementing control measures. In the light of this, please continue to be aware of the following measures, which will remain in place until the end of the term.

COVID 19 Symptoms

I think we are all now knowledgeable about COVID symptoms. For the latest information about the symptoms of COVID, please consult the NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> Please remain vigilant.

Testing

We encourage you and your family to regularly take lateral flow tests. If your child tests positive on a lateral flow test, please keep your child at home and arrange for an immediate PCR test to confirm whether or not they have COVID-19. If your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19, please keep your child at home and organise a PCR test. If your child is ill but does not have COVID, please keep your child at home until they are fit and well enough to re-engage in learning at school. If your child takes a PCR test, please send an electronic copy of your positive or negative PCR result to the office (admin@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk). If your child tests positive and you are concerned about a sibling potentially spreading the virus, please do make contact to discuss your options.

Bubbles

KS1 and KS2 Bubbles will remain in place until the end of term. Staff will be continuing to encourage good classroom hygiene and have re-booted a range of measures to help prevent further spreading on the virus. Your child will need to come to school in PE attire on days in which they have PE. Your child should also come into school in PE dress on days on which they have a sports club. Please ensure your child wears kit appropriate to the season (e.g. plain dark jogging bottoms when it is cold). Children should not bring in artefacts for 'show and tell.' Please make sure they bring in their own, named, water bottle which they must take home and which must be washed daily. Lunchtimes will continue to be managed within Bubbles. We will continue to provide a hot meal for those who normally choose hot lunches. School pick-up and drop-off times continue remain the same as normal.

Social Distancing Measures

We kindly ask you to continue to wear a mask at the beginning and end of the school day. Please adopt good social distancing habits and adhere to the one-way system that was previously in place. Parents are



encouraged not to access the building, unless it is absolutely necessary. Please help to build on the preventative measures that staff are now having to adopt in school by supporting behaviours outside of school; for example, discouraging children from playing with children from outside their Bubble in the Horsley park.

Clubs

Wrap-around care will continue with additional measures in place. Clubs will continue but will be Bubble specific (e.g. KS2 Sports Club, KS2 Art Club, etc.).

End-of Term Christmas Events

Collective worship and public congratulations assemblies continue to be 'on hold' until further notice. In response to rising numbers of COVID cases, we have now moved the pantomime to Thursday 6th January at 2:00pm. We so did not want to cancel this special event. The school nativity will take place; however, we are very sadly not able to open this up to parents. It will be filmed and made available on an appropriate platform. We can provide you with more information about this a bit nearer the time. The Christingle Service will now take place in school time and, alas, will not be open to the community. Let's hope we can start the New Year with some return to normality.

And finally...

Again, thank you so much for your ongoing support and understanding during this very difficult time. I know many people will be disappointed about the impact the virus is having on events on the run up to Christmas. Please continue to be mindful that schools have to act on the advice of the relevant external agencies to prevent the spread of the virus. Together, I am sure we can bring about a downward trajectory of cases within the community, so that that the children of Horsley do not experience any further disruption to their learning or well-being.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours faithfully



Mr Price
Headteacher

