

St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

We aspire to be guided in all that we do by our inclusive Christian ethos. We are enthusiastic about life-long learning and share wisdom in serving each other and our world. We encourage all to live lives of hope and aspiration, inspired through acquiring new skills and attributes. Dignity and respect are at the heart of our school.

29th September, 2021

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS

In the last 24 hours, I have attended two emergency Staffordshire school meetings run by Staffordshire Public Health with regard to transmission rates of Covid-19 in **Staffordshire** schools which St Anne's C.E. Primary School is part of. (As far as we are aware this does not affect Stoke schools).

It was shared that the rate of Covid-19 in Staffordshire far exceeds the national and West Midland average. In Staffordshire Moorlands the rate far exceeds the Staffordshire average too. The rate for 5-10 year olds in the Staffordshire Moorlands stands at a staggering 1630 per 100,000. This is however partly due to excellent testing rates in Staffordshire.

We have already experienced this with an outbreak that quickly multiplied in Year 4.

As a direct result of this, Staffordshire Public Health has advised and requested that all Staffordshire schools revert back to the working restrictions for Covid-19 we experienced in the last academic year. This is incredibly frustrating, but the health and safety of the children, staff and wider community must take precedent and this decision by Staffordshire Public Health has not been taken likely.

As a result, we ask parents and carers to follow the restrictions on the school site with effect from tomorrow (Thursday 30th September).

- We ask that all parents and carers follow the one-way system at all times
- Only one adult is allowed on the playground in the morning and at night to drop off / collect your child
- A face covering must be worn at all times unless you are medically exempt. (Please communicate this with the office)

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- With younger children, we ask you to keep your child with you at all times on school premises
- All communication with the school must be carried out via telephone, email or Class Dojo
- There will be no face to face meetings in school with parents or carers
- It is vital in the morning, that timings are prompt when arriving at school. This will mean children are not unnecessarily mixing. Please do not arrive early

In addition to this, in school, the following measures will also be implemented:-

- Bubbles will be re-introduced. There will initially be four bubbles. Reception, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. Should cases occur we will quickly revert to class bubbles
- There will be no worship sessions in the hall across classes. This will be done remotely
- There will be no whole school indoor events across year groups
- Children will be required to wear face coverings on coaches when on visits
- Kids Club will operate a REC / KS1 bubble and a KS2 bubble
- Staff will be wearing face coverings in all communal areas of the school
- After School Clubs that take place outdoors are unaffected, but indoor clubs will be restricted to individual classes.

Full details of all measures can be found in our updated Risk Assessment on our website from tomorrow.

We will also be asking that a child is tested with a PCR test should they have any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 or the precautionary symptoms. Them and their household are also being asked to isolate immediately until the result.

Should we have a positive case, class contacts will be asked to have a PCR test with immediate effect and a follow-up one several days later.


Further advice would be sought from Staffordshire Public Health if there are 5 or more cases or 10% of a bubble tests positive. This did result in remote learning for Year 4 last week.

Staffordshire are also asking that all families continue to test with LFT tests twice weekly with all members of the family over the age of 11.

We politely request that all PCR test results should be emailed to testresults@st-annes-browndedge.staffs.sch.uk

As has been the case for the last 18 months, we thank you enormously for your co-operation and support and St. Anne's C.E. Primary School hope that you will continue to support us.

Kind regards,



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