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Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now into our third week back at school and feel that the introduction of children and large numbers of adults back onto the school grounds has been done in a safe and sensible way.

Our main aim was to reintegrate the children back into their routine of school life in a non-disruptive way as possible. Walking around school I have seen and heard this.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the slight changes that we are making to the 'bubbles' in school in order to minimise the disruption to children, staff and parents, should we receive a positive Coronavirus test in school. The changes do not impact on you and **we are not changing the way that morning drop-offs and afternoon collections are currently operating.** We worked with the new system yesterday and believe it worked and can be sustained in the future.

As from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September our new bubbles are single class bubbles. We have changed break times so that on the front yard each class gets half of the yard and in Key Stage 2, one class will play on each of the two areas. Break time is already staggered to allow the four classes to have individual areas.

This means that if we receive a positive test in one of the classes, it would result in just that one class of children self-isolating, unless we received guidance from Public Health England to the contrary. Our bubbles now are:

Nursery  
Reception  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3  
Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6

### **Testing**

We are aware that some of our community have had tests, requested tests, or have been told there are no testing facilities at the moment. Please inform school if any of these apply to you – **for anybody in your household.**



It is critical that you inform school straight away when you receive the results – positive or negative:

- a negative test result will mean that your child can return to school
- a positive test result - it is again critical that you inform school as soon as possible. If it is a household member (not the child in school) that has tested positive, there is then a period of self-isolation that needs to be undertaken by your child. If it is the child in school that tests positive, we then have a set of procedures that are set in motion.

We have set up a designated Covid-19 email address to school which we would ask you to email should one of the above situations occur. **This email address should only be used to inform school about testing and results and will be monitored at evenings, weekends and holidays.**

The Local Authority has set this up and the address is: [covid@pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:covid@pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk)

I hope the information contained in this letter is clear, but should you require clarification on anything, please telephone the school office where I hope we can help.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Waterfield  
(Headteacher)