

Tuesday, 15th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are sure you have heard there have been a few schools that have had to close down specific year groups in and around the area. A few parents have asked for clarity on this from a Pilsley Primary point of view.

The process for any decision is as follows:

- If a child has a positive COVID test we would then contact Public Health England East Midlands Office. We would discuss the school Risk Assessment, actions and specifics about the 'bubble' the pupil has been in. Together we will then assess the situation for the school, the bubble, the class and the staff in school.
- A decision is made whether we need to send any pupils and staff home. If this was the case we would expect parents to collect as quickly as possible. The class or 'bubble' of classes would then be asked to work from home for a set time period, probably 14 days including weekends. The children would be expected to 'isolate'.
- Brothers and sisters in other bubbles may continue to attend school (unless they or someone in the house develops COVID symptoms)
- We would provide work through Seesaw, this is likely to be Oak Academy with some additions adapted by class.
- During this time the relevant classrooms would be deep cleaned.
- Pupils would return to school after the set time period.

We are expecting at some point that all schools will have some form of short 'bubble' lockdown during the next few months. **The purpose of the bubble lockdown is simply to limit the potential spread of COVID.**

Homework and Homeworking

- For Years 1 through to 5** paper based spellings will be sent out and we ask that the children then upload a photograph of their work to Seesaw – please do not send the paper back. All other homework will be via Seesaw activities though teachers may send out some paper based work occasionally which again can be photographed and uploaded.
- Y6** have their homework packs to work through.
- Reception (Miss Clarke's)** homework will initially be via Tapestry and mostly paper based with photograph upload. We will be sending out Seesaw Codes in the next few days as the children will need to move over to this system.
- Nursery** will continue to use Tapestry

Reading books will be coming home with a programme of cleaning in place and there may be some weekends when no books are sent home due to this.

Should any lockdown happen please expect Seesaw to be the main way of receiving ALL pupil work.

Of course you may print this off and then complete it if you have that facility.

Thank You

We would like to send our thanks to all the parents and children for the way everyone has been at the beginning of the return to school. Whenever we return to school from the summer we have the usual coughs and colds that arise but we appreciate parents listening and making sensible decisions about if and when children should be back in school. Hopefully, it won't be long before this settles down and children can have a more consistent time in school.

At the same time it has been wonderful to have the children back in and enjoying school again.

Take care



Headteacher and the Pilsley Staff Team

Dates

18th September – Year 2 & 3 Lea Green Day Visit
20th October – Tempest Individual Photos (to be confirmed re distancing)
23rd October – last day of term
2nd November – first day back at school
13th November – Children in Need (tbc)
18th December – last day of term

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4th January – Inset Day
5th January – first day back at school
12th February – last day of term
22nd February – first day back at school
1st April (Thursday) last day of term
19th April – first day back at school
3rd May – Bank Holiday May Day (one day only)
10th May to 13th May – SATs week
28th May – last day of term
7th June – first day back at school
25th June – Inset day
28th June – Inset day
13th & 14th July 2021 – Lea Green Residential (Year 1's day only on 13th)
22nd July (Thursday) last day of term
(There is one more inset day to be confirmed, please understand we will give as much notice as we can)