

# All Saints CEVA Primary School & Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents and carers,

Today we started the day with many phone calls from families regarding illness amongst our school community. We also have a number of staff who are also ill.

At the point of writing this letter we have 10 children who have tested positive for Covid with a large group with symptoms of high temperature etc who are awaiting results which takes our numbers to over 20 across the school.

We know that you may find this concerning and we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England and our Health Protection team.

As there is a cluster of 5 confirmed cases in Year 6 we will be moving all of these children to home learning, from tomorrow until after half term. Due to staff shortages we will be closing the Nursery class on Thursday and Friday of this week.

The rest of the school remains open, and your child should continue to attend if they remain well. However, if your child is unwell at all showing any of these symptoms:

- A cough
- High temperature
- Headache
- Sickness and upset tummy
- Tummy ache
- Loss or change in sense of smell or taste

We strongly recommend that you take them for a PCR test at the Wellingborough Centre as some of our positive cases have shown these symptoms.

On the strong advice from the Health Protection Team for a period of time and until further notice we will be moving back to the processes we had in place before the summer break, these being:

- **Class bubbles**
- **Staggered playtimes in bubbles**
- **Lunch times in classrooms as a bubble spread across the period from 12.00 pm to 1.00pm**
- **Limiting visitors and stopping external activities**
- **Assemblies virtually in classrooms**
- **Use of separate entrances and exits for bubbles.**

The timings for arrival from tomorrow are as follows:

- Reception 8.40 – access via back playground into the building. Parents will drop children off at the top of the double gated ramp

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- Year 1 - 8.40 at the small gate and ramp onto the front playground in through door into the Piperoom.
- Year 2 line up outside side door into classroom, door is open at 8.40,
- Year 3 8.40 front door
- Year 4 - 8.30 at the small gate and ramp onto the front playground in through door and up the stairs
- Year 5 – enter off the street through the fire door in the cloakroom at 8.30.
- Year 6 – down the back playground ramp, up the fire escape to the classroom (8.30) **on their return**

The timings for collection from tomorrow, are to try to do this from the school site rather than castle fields, at this moment in time.

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be collected from the back playground along with their older sibling who will move through to that playground
- On the front playground Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (when at school) – those without siblings.

In order to safeguard everyone; we politely ask that you **wear masks** for collecting and dropping children at the school site. Looking at the local data for Covid, Wellingborough is very high and rising above the national average with cases three times that of the National picture.

Unfortunately, due to the numbers of cases and the need to revert to “bubbles” all events will be cancelled this includes:

- FFF on Wednesday and Friday
- CLASS board games on Wednesday (refund to follow)
- The Year 1 parents evening will be carried out online on Thursday, not face to face, so please look out for further information
- Clubs such as gymnastics, choir, hotshots will be cancelled.
- There is no swimming
- No Tag rugby competition
- No musical instrument lessons

The mufti on Wednesday and the cake sale on Friday will continue without parents attending.

I will update on our return from the half term holiday to inform you if we are able to lift any of these restrictions. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emma Johnson

Headteacher

