

Clayton le Woods C E Aided Primary School



With God We Grow

Headteacher: Mrs S Bashora

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I cannot thank you enough for your support, positive feedback and patience whilst we work our way through these unprecedented times.

We now have five new cases of Covid-19, in total, since Sunday - Four children, all in KS2, and a member of staff. All five people have attended KeyCare. All other members of staff, who had been tested, have received negative results. The children who have had direct contact have all been asked to self-isolate by individual letter. Those were the 18 children who attended KeyCare on Friday 22nd January.

When we receive notification of a positive case we carefully consult the guidance and helpdesk teams provided by the local authority, the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE.) I have spoken to all these authorities regularly, since Sunday. I have also spoken to our school advisor and chair of Governors. They all informed, and supported our decision to close the KS2 KeyCare bubble for a period of ten days. This will be calculated from Friday 22nd January, with a return to KeyCare on Tuesday 2nd February. To confirm:

The KS2 KeyCare Bubble will be closed to ALL children from today. It will re-open on Tuesday 2nd February.

This is an unavoidable, partial, school closure, following guidance from the above agencies, to attempt to prevent further transmission of the Covid-19 virus through our school.

The EY and KS1 bubbles will remain open.

However, I strongly suggest that parents and carers of KS2 children, with siblings in KS1 and EY, would keep their younger children at home with them too. This would be an extra safety precaution. I appreciate that every family situation is totally different. During this time school will not be putting undue pressure on any child to complete home learning where a family situation is making it unmanageable. We are a caring, Christian school family – here to support each other, not judge each other.

The children who would have attended KeyCare in KS2 from tomorrow, and haven't received a notice to self-isolate, will be bound by the normal lockdown restrictions that we are all living under. This is not a period of self-isolation for them, or their siblings.

Prior to these five new cases detailed above, we have had 6 other children from KeyCare (5 of them in KS2) who have tested positive over the last two weeks. They were all, already, self-isolating due to their parent having tested positive first, or their parent being a close contact of a positive case. None of these children had been in contact with school for the 48 hour period prior

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to them receiving a positive test result, or the onset of symptoms. Therefore, no Bubble had to close. No-one else in KeyCare had to self-isolate as a result.

Therefore, in total, eleven members of our school family have Covid-19. Some of their isolation periods are coming to an end, and no-one has severe symptoms. We pray this remains the case, and that they, and their families remain well or have speedy recoveries.

Before the KS2 Bubble reopens we will evaluate our arrangements. We fully intend to put in place smaller Bubbles within KS2, depending on staffing availability. We will let the families who are using KeyCare know further details before reopening.

If you need further information about Covid-19 to support your family it is available on the following link https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

These are very difficult times for everyone. We have created a new 'Wellbeing' section on our website with some useful support links. This is under the 'Lockdown' tab on the home page of our website.

Please take good care of yourselves and each other.

Yours sincerely

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