

Tuesday 18th January 2022

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Dear Parents / Carers,

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From today, Tuesday 18th January, we will be reverting to our class bubble arrangements. This is as part of our COVID contingency plan, to help limit the spread of the virus between pupils and staff, and to keep our school running smoothly.

The changes for the children will be minimal. Each class will stay together for lessons, playtime and lunchtime. The classes will be spaced apart in the lunch hall and given their own sections on the playground to play within. We will also pause our whole school assemblies. We will run this arrangement for the rest of this week and review the COVID numbers in preparation for next week. We are hopeful that this is a short-term measure to help us get over the sudden rise in COVID infections that we are currently experiencing at Northbourne.

The pupils are very used to operating this way, following the lockdown from previous years. This will not affect their Forest School provision with Mr Chidwick, or PE provision with Mr B.

After School Clubs and Wrap Around care

After school clubs will continue. Mr B and Mr Whelan will ensure that each class group will stay safely separated from each other during the running of the club. Charley's dance club will also continue and ensure that the different class groups have their own space. We are keen to keep our after school clubs running as we know that this provision is important for many of our families.

Lunchtime clubs, such as Quiet Club, Gardening Club and Choir Club will pause for the time being.

As you may know, Wrap Around care, based in the nursery next door to the school, has had to shut for the remainder of this week, due to staff COVID cases. We know how many of our pupils attend before school and after school care, and how vital this service is to help our busy families. Some of you have enquired as to whether the school would be able to fulfil this role in the short term. Unfortunately, we simply do not have the staffing capacity or structure to provide safe and effective wrap around care, before and after school. Please make full use of our after school club provision, which runs until 4pm.

Many thanks

Mr M Reynolds