

9th November 2020



Dear parent/carers

Class reorganisation

The recent 4-day closure of the Early Years / Year 1 bubble because of a confirmed case of Covid-19 has made us re-think how to make our school better equipped to deal with the current challenges. Ordinarily a confirmed case would mean closing a bubble for 14 days. As a Trust and as a school within City of York we were asked to consider how to reduce our bubble sizes further to reduce the impact on the number of children affected because of a confirmed case of Covid-19. We have sought advice on the best possible way to do this.

After some consideration I wanted to make you aware of some changes we will be introducing from Monday 16th November.

Currently in EYFS and KS1

Bubbles	Number of children	Year Group	Teacher	Total Pupils in class	Breakdown	
1	51	Reception: Willow class	Mrs Hadfield and Miss Pillinger	26	26 Reception	
		Reception and Year 1: Fir class	Mrs Pullan	25	11 Reception	15 Y1
2	25	Year 1 and 2: Sycamore class	Miss Wilson and Mrs Wade	25	11 Y1	14 Y2
3	26	Year 2: Oak class	Mrs Shephard	26	26 Y2	

New EYFS and KS1

Bubbles	Number of children	Year Group	Teacher	Total Pupils in class	Breakdown	
1	36	Reception: Willow class	Mrs Hadfield and Miss Pillinger	36	36 Reception	
2	26	Year 1: Fir class	Mrs Pullan	26	26 Y1	
3	14	Year 2: Sycamore class	Miss Wilson and Mrs Wade	14	14 Y2	
4	26	Year 2: Oak class	Mrs Shephard	26	26 Y2	

This new structure will mean fewer children will need to isolate should another case occur and there are other benefits. We will be able to teach phonics and maths as a single age class and as there will be a larger group in Early Years, there will be an additional teaching assistant in that classroom.

We are confident the changes can be introduced successfully and with minimum disruption.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

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