

5th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may well have seen in the news that Cheshire West and East are both now areas of concern with regards to transmission rates and infection levels.

I know for some of you the news of this will perhaps raise anxieties around the Covid situation as until now Cheshire has only been affected slightly. Firstly, I want to reassure you that we continue to do everything we can to lower the risk as much as we can within schools. We are never going to eliminate it. There may come a time when we need to close bubbles and I want to assure you that those needing to self-isolate will be informed immediately during both weekends and weekdays.

Closing bubbles is always a contentious issue, as for some they may feel a full closure is necessary whereas others may feel we may close too much. At the heart of everything we do though needs to be the safety and well-being of staff and children but also the disruption to education for all. Our primary role at present, more than ever is to create the best possible educational experience for the children of RCSAT. Unfortunately, case positives within the community, work and school environment will probably become more frequent and we can't fully close each time this is the case unless it is absolutely necessary to do so.

One way we can certainly maintain your safety and prevent unnecessary isolation/closure is by remembering to follow the advice: hands, face and space.

It is for this reason that we will continue to follow the advised guidance from Cheshire East as listed below:

- Keeping bubbles to class size where possible
- Avoiding pupils mixing across bubbles for catch up or interventions.
- Minimising bubbles mixing at playtimes, where possible.
- Peripatetic teachers keeping more than 2 metres from pupils.
- Making it compulsory that any visitors to the school wear face coverings at all times, unless they are exempt.

From Tuesday 6th October following Cheshire East guidance we will also be:

• Asking parent/carers to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting their child from school, unless they are exempt.

Please though for the sake of our school communities and children I ask that we try and remain positive and stay as calm as possible.

It may be stormy now but the rain doesn't last forever.

Thank you for your continued support

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