

Please note: The Greetland Academy Trust has now changed its name to Great Heights Academy Trust.

8th September 2020

RE: Information on what happens if there is a positive case in your child's bubble

Dear parents and carers.

It has been so wonderful to see all the children again and to see how well they have settled straight back into school. Whilst it is not the same as it used to be, the staff have worked hard to make school feel familiar and safe for every child. School is once again filled with laughter and smiles.

As you are already aware, we have separated the school into year group 'bubbles' which we are also using for Breakfast Club and will also eventually use for after school clubs. The system of bubbles enables us to limit the amount of contacts that both the children and staff have whilst in school. If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school, I will consult with Public Health and it is likely that all members of the bubble where the case was identified will be asked to isolate at home for 14 days. A text message will be sent to your main contact asking for your child to be collected as soon as possible. Please can we ask that you make sure we have the number of a mobile that will be on throughout the day on our records. All other family members do not need to isolate unless someone in the household becomes symptomatic and subsequently tests positive. This means that siblings can continue to attend school. The important thing is that all 'contacts' of the infected person isolate for the full 14 days. The 14-day period still stands even if you decide to take your child for a test when they do not have symptoms.

If a bubble is sent home, the teachers will start teaching remotely through Seesaw from the day after the bubble has closed. Pupils will need to use their individual code to sign into Seesaw; this is different from the 'Families' QR code and will be accessed using the CLASS Seesaw app. We will send out new copies of this code next week once your children are with their new class teachers.

There will be three 'lessons' a day if your child is expected to remain at home and we have decided to try and mirror the timings of a usual school day to support your child with a sense of routine.

This will work as follows:

9:00 – 10:30	English	Video teaching input including modelled examples and questions tutorial.
11:00 – 12:30	Maths	Practice activity
13:30 – 3:30	Foundation Subject	Feedback to individual children through the comment feature

The class teachers and teaching assistants (providing they are not unwell themselves) will also make phone calls home to check in on the children across the period of isolation. If you do not have access to a tablet or laptop for your child at home, please could we ask that you inform the class teacher as soon as possible so that we can plan how we may be able to support with this. This may be that we provide paper-based activities and deliver them to your home.

Whilst I appreciate that it will be difficult for families if their child needs to remain at home for two weeks, this is a public health expectation that we cannot avoid. If your child does display **any** of the symptoms (a temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste and smell), please inform us straight away and arrange for them to be tested by ringing 119. Likewise, if your child displays any of these symptoms in school, we will ring and ask for them to be collected as soon as possible and for you to arrange for them to be tested. We kindly ask that you notify us of the outcome as soon as you get the test results.

Please note that a copy of our new home-school agreement will be posted on Seesaw today.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

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