



Dear Parents/Guardians

As you may well be aware, bubble closures are indeed still a possibility if children come into contact with a positive case and some local schools have already had to close bubbles. At Britannia, we all really want to ensure that children are able to continue learning in a school environment and we are asking for your help to keep the school community safe once more.

We are asking that you please wear a mask and remain socially distanced on the school drive to reduce the chances of bubbles mixing. The last thing that we want to do is to be closing bubbles with children having to isolate at home and return to home learning once more. It is essential that your child arrives at the correct time in the morning to assist with this. Please remember that siblings should come at the earlier time.

On Friday, I was informed by numerous parents and saw myself that there were a great deal of children on the park from a mixture of different bubbles including Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6. This could potentially compromise the bubble system we have in place at school and could lead to further bubble closures and isolation periods should a child test positive. I completely understand that children want to play on a park after all they have been through but these 10 minutes on the park after school could lead to children having to further isolate and be away from their friends and peers at school which I am sure none of us want to see. I would therefore urge people NOT to go to the park immediately after school as this compromises everything we're trying to do to keep you, the children, staff and the wider community safe.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, if you are in any doubt over whether your child has a high temperature, continuous cough or has a loss of smell or taste then you should book a **PCR test and do not send your child into school**. In this instance, it is always better to be more cautious at the moment. The recommendation from the DFE is that PCR tests should be completed if your child has any symptoms and not a lateral flow test.

Keeping our community safe and protected and our children learning in a school environment with their peers is something that I know is very important for all of us so please work with us in trying to reduce the risk to us all. Help us to keep children in school where they can both learn and socialise with their peers.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully

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