



12th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Please find a COVID-19 update below and a Senior Leadership Update attached.

We have had some communication from parents who are understandably concerned with the number of cases in some classes. I would just like to confirm the precautions that are in place already and that have been for some time.

- Each class uses their own entry and exit point in school.
- Daily thorough cleaning of areas including classrooms, tables, chairs etc. and fogging of these areas daily.
- Classes have their own designated outdoor play space, so no mixing happens.
- No class mixing inside.
- All assemblies are carried out virtually.
- At lunchtime classes sit in class groups and share the hall with 1 other class that is appropriately distanced.
- A staggered start to the day to alleviate crowding in the playground.
- Staff and visitors wear face coverings whilst in communal areas.
- Limited resources in classrooms to allow for cleaning each day.
- Shared resources i.e., Pads will be wiped before and after use.

We are also continuing to put extra precautions in school to help stop or slow the spread of Covid-19.

We have stopped the children playing on the static play equipment in the playground for the time being. Please can we ask that you don't let your child play on the equipment before and after school whilst cases are high. We will review this at the end of January and let you know of any change.

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Please can we also request that 1 adult per family drops off and picks up to reduce the number of people entering our playground. Once you have dropped off or picked up your children, please can you swiftly leave the playground to allow more space for other people.

I know some parents are asking if we will close classes. We are constantly in contact with the DFE, Bradford Council and Public Health England to report cases and absences each day. Their advice is to put the necessary precautions in place and only close classes if staff shortages make it unsafe to open. We would only be able to close classes under the direction of the DFE. We will keep you informed if anything changes.

We appreciate your support at the difficult time.

Kind regards,

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