

High Bank Junior, Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

I am sure by now that you will be aware of the latest Government announcement that schools will hopefully be able to welcome back other pupils on Monday 8th March. We desperately want all the children back, so fingers crossed infection rates continue to decline. Unfortunately, I am unable to give you further information about this and, like you, I am only aware of changes when the Government hold their live briefings.

You may also be aware that **staff** in primary schools are undertaking lateral testing. This is taking place twice a week and has already begun. Should a member of staff test positive in your child's bubble then we will contact you.

I would also like to remind you that we do not send paper versions of letters or newsletters anymore. **All letters and newsletters** can be found on the school website. We also send you a link on facebook or twitter so it is really important that you have facebook or twitter downloaded to keep up to date with school communication. If you do not have these and wish to be emailed this correspondence then please contact the school office.

There are also some changes from Monday that I need to make you aware of. As you are aware, Mrs Johnson is teaching remotely from home and we have currently split the year 4 children into year 3 and year 5. From Monday, the majority of Year 4 will be taught in their own bubble again. They will have their teaching sessions with Mrs Johnson online and then will be supported by Mr Barratt and Mrs Dyson in class. Please be assured that the same high quality of teaching and learning is in place.

Finally, I would like to personally thank you for your continued support. I know it has not always been easy for you to bring your children into school and many of you are understandably anxious due to COVID, as are staff. Every day, even through rain and snow, you have walked five thousand steps around the one-way system with smiles on your faces! You are amazing! At times like these, we need to remember that the most important thing is to stay safe and make sure that we look after our health and well-being. Please remember that we are here for our families and that includes parents and carers as well as our pupils.

I will write to you in due course when I have further information.

Stay safe.

Mrs K. Chubb
Headteacher