

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 to the current year 4 children who are remote learning. From Monday, the majority of Year 4 will be taught by Mrs Johnson. The children in school will be linked into the sessions, as well as the children learning from home. Please check Teams as we changed some session times and added some additional live sessions.

Finally, I wanted to personally thank you for your continued support with remote learning. As Headteacher of this school, the support you have given your children to get on to Teams and complete their work is exceptional. I know many of you are working or studying. Some of you have small children, even new born babies and have your own homes to run. To do what you are doing, for the second time in a year, as well as run your own family is nothing short of fantastic. From all of the staff at High Bank we cannot thank you enough.

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. We will be having some additional well-being live sessions for children from next week, so please check your child's Teams page for updates. 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.

Kind Regards

Mrs K Chubb

Headteacher