



# Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN



“Promoting a love of learning”

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe. I want to clarify the situation, which occurred during the weekend.

A child in Year 2 tested positive for COVID-19. Once confirmation of their positive result was emailed into school, we called the Department for Education (DFE) who instructed us to carry out their orders.

As you are aware, if a member of the school community (staff or pupil), is tested positive for coronavirus then their year group bubble will collapse. This means that pupils will need to self-isolate for 14 days from last contact with child and not come into school. Like all schools in the country, we are strictly following the government guidance and the decision to close a year group bubble is a direction from the DFE. School has no option but to follow their instructions to ensure the safety of all staff and pupils and to help limit the spread of coronavirus.

We were sent two standard letters from the DFE to send out to you, which we added to our Facebook page and website on Saturday. However, there does appear to be some confusion from some parents in regards to the content in these. I will ensure that I feedback your comments to the DFE.

As Leeds enters its first week of local lockdown, schools are seeing an increase in positive COVID-19 cases. This month, 25 schools in Leeds have already closed various pupil bubbles and as infection rates continue to rise, it is likely that this will become commonplace throughout the country especially during the winter months.

We are responding to information as soon as it becomes available from the DFE or Public Health England. Regrettably, we may be forced to make a decision at literally any point (late at night, first thing in a morning, over the weekend etc.). Please note that this is totally beyond our control and determined entirely by the point at which the information becomes available.

We understand that this creates a real problem for some of our families in terms of childcare, but we will seek to communicate information relevant to your child as soon as we are able to do so. It is likely that this will be via text message in the first instance. Please do ensure that the office team have your up-to-date contact details.

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Please can I thank those year 2 families who have been very understanding and supportive when we were directed by the DFE to close the year 2 bubble. Senior Leaders have worked incredibly hard, over the weekend, in order to give you as much notice as possible and to put plans in place for home learning. Unfortunately, a small number have chosen to post criticism on social media platforms. We do ask that people refrain from doing this as it is very unhelpful, causes further anxiety and ignores the fact that we are simply trying to keep our children safe by following the guidance we have been given.

Can I remind all year 2 parents that now your child is self-isolating, there is a statutory requirement for the pupils to continue their learning at home. You will receive a call from your child's class teacher today in order to put our home learning plans in place.

It is very important to note that, as a state maintained primary school, we are duty bound to follow the UK Government guidance. We therefore respectfully ask that you do not complain to us about such decisions as bubble closures. As a democratic society, you have every right to address any of these concerns directly with the UK Government.

Please send proof of any positive COVID-19 test results to the following email address **[positivecovid@beestonprimary.org](mailto:positivecovid@beestonprimary.org)**, as soon as you receive them, even if this is at a weekend, so that we can take appropriate action. This email address is for COVID -19 positive cases only. If you want to contact school about any other issues then please use our office email address on our school website.

We really appreciate your support, trust and understanding especially during these challenging times.

I look forward to seeing you on the playground most mornings.

Best wishes,

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