



High Peak Federation



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Dear Parents,

We are now into our second week following the wider return to school. The bubbles have settled well and we are continuing to implement the requirements from the guidelines. Here are questions that have been asked during the last few days...

Do we know what the plans are for return to school for other year groups?

We don't – at the moment, we find out through the same daily briefings as everyone else. We would hope to get some guidance soon.

Can my child attend a bubble they are entitled to join, at a later point?

Yes. However, there is a bubble limit of 15 children so would need to ask DCC for advice first if a request for places was made for a bubble that was already at 15. We have not received any direction to stop admitting more children, but I am sure many of you will have read such recommendations for the wider North West Region. At the moment, DCC has not given us this guidance.

What will happen with reports / parental consultations?

We are required to send home written reports. At the Full Governing Body Meeting last week, we suggested sending out shorter reports, but also offering a consultation with your child's teacher too. This would help us to plan for when all the children return as well as giving you the opportunity to explain how everything has been going since March.

What happens if staff become ill?

As we have to keep the same staff members within each bubble, if staff become ill within that bubble – we may need to close the group until members of staff are well again. We will give you as much notice as possible, as the children are not allowed to transfer to another bubble.

What if someone has a confirmed case of Covid19?

If anyone within a bubble has tested positive they would need to self-isolate for 7 days and everyone else (including the household) for 14 days. Whilst we are following rules up at school, it is vital this is reinforced out of school too as one confirmed case will effectively close a bubble for two weeks.

Will hot dinners be provided every day?

Usually. However, if numbers are very low on Fridays for the KVV group a packed lunch may be provided instead.

We also appreciate that the majority of children are still at home. We will continue to do our best to provide children with home learning and are thankful for the parents who are providing support with this too.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr Parry and the Newtown team



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