



St Agnes C of E (V.A) Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As you are aware we have had to close Class 2 and 4 this week due to confirmed COVID cases in each class. It is lovely to have the children back today and the staff are pleased to be back to help them get on with their learning. St Agnes staff have worked extremely hard since March to make school as safe as we possibly can during this time. We have instigated extra cleaning, hand washing, kept children in bubbles and re-worked the school day to ensure your children can have a good education and are as safe as possible.

The staff have worked tirelessly to help the children catch-up and feel safe and happy in school. Staff have all come to school throughout this period, putting themselves and their own families at risk everyday to teach your children. They have done this brilliantly. Many staff as well as families in our school community have not seen vulnerable family members since March to protect them, which is extremely difficult but we do it because we are committed to your children and their education.

We have made rules clear through the Friday note and letters sent out to parents. I have been available to speak to parents about the situation and we have sent numerous texts to confirm rules.

As such, I am deeply concerned and upset that some families have been for testing and still sent their children into school whilst awaiting results. I am also aware that some families have not been isolating when asked. To be clear, your child cannot leave the house or garden during a period of self-isolation. I am very aware how difficult this time is and we will do everything we can to support our families. We will deliver food where needed and ensure work packs are available for bubble closures.

This blatant rule-breaking by a minority of parents is putting everybody at risk. If you or your child have been told to isolate it is a legal requirement. The rules are in place to protect everybody in our community. Children are unlikely to have severe symptoms or illness with COVID however staff, parents and other family members may not be so lucky experiencing a variety of painful, long-lasting and debilitating symptoms or worse.

Our school motto is 'Learning together in Gods Love'. I ask you all to remember this throughout the next lockdown and beyond. We are all learning how to deal with this evolving situation but it is essential that everyone does their part to follow the guidelines.

Please ensure you follow the rules and help us to get through this tough time. St Agnes school will always put your children first and we want them all to have the best education possible. In this very difficult time we must all work together for the safety of everyone.

If you have any questions or would like rules clarifying please do not hesitate to contact me:
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Yours sincerely

Miss S Butterworth
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