

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Good afternoon,

Whilst still relatively small in total, we currently have increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases across the Federation, and in particular at Winterton Church of England Infants' school. As a result, in line with Government and Local Authority guidance and Federation risk assessments, after much deliberation we have made the decision this afternoon to take the following further measures, to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible.

- All clubs have been cancelled for the next two weeks. This will be reviewed at the end of this period in the hope that normal practice can be resumed.
- Whilst bubbles have not been reintroduced, pupils will remain in their year groups for playtimes/lunchtimes, with virtual assemblies etc to reduce possible transmission.
- We have discussed the situation with the local British Legion President and have decided that the choir will not now be taking part in the parade, singing or placing the crosses at the Remembrance Service on Sunday.
- We would ask that any communication with either school be made via email or telephone, with limited face to face communication at the offices please.

These measures and the COVID-19 situation across the Federation will therefore be reviewed in two weeks time and I will notify you of any amendments and updates as they occur.

Your child should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms of Covid-19 or are unwell. If they do develop symptoms, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them and notify the relevant school of the details.

The 3 main Covid-19 symptoms remain a temperature or 37.8 degrees or higher; a new continuous cough; a change to or loss or taste and smell. However, the most commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, nausea and vomiting and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

We are very disappointed that we have had to put these measures in place and especially having to withdraw the choir from the Remembrance Service on Sunday at such late notice. However, I know you will support us in these decisions to ensure that everyone is kept as safe as possible. Thank you for your continued support and understanding – it is much appreciated.

With very best wishes

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