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Every Child A Champion In Their Own Right Matthew 5.16 – 'Let Your Light Shine'

Hi Parents.....IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE...the situation is becoming more challenging.

I continue to feel it is important to keep parents up to date regarding Covid - Alarmingly, the infection rate in Hull ,the East Riding and Lincolnshire, as you know, has rocketed. This is really now impacting on schools. As you also know (and appreciate),our track record for keeping bubbles open has been excellent throughout the Covid period.

On a number of occasions, we have had over 20 staff absent but have managed to keep our bubbles open.

Today, it was confirmed that a Reception bubble had to close. Many more parents contacted school to inform me of Covid cases in their family - adults + children of all ages . Then we heard that another 4 staff had been contacted by NHS Track and Trace directing them to self-isolate. So, in total, the number of absent staff has increased. We also need to keep Raywell trips well supervised and all other important safeguarding duties around the school. But our staffing resources are obviously starting to be stretched again. (This morning's Raywell trip was nearly cancelled!!)

If a bubble does have to close, I thank you in advance for collecting your child as quickly as possible.

This message is just to forewarn parents that if we can keep bubbles open then we will continue to do so ...but also to understand that their child may be faced with different staff as we endeavour to utilise our staffing resources to cover classes where a teacher or support worker may be isolating.

Also any event such as a Raywell trip or a transition/ induction meeting for new parents ,or any other school activity may be cancelled at very late notice.

Our Spirit is strong, our teamwork is brilliant and our determination to continue supporting our children and their families remains resolute.

The challenge is on ..it has been ongoing now for 16 months. But with just a few days to go before the end of this school year we all need to continue keeping positive.

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER..WE WILL PULL THROUGH TOGETHER.

Thank you for your incredible support and understanding.

Keep safe.

Regards,

Graham Huckstep