

Update: 4th Jan 2021

Well what a start to the New Year!

As you can imagine, things are pretty hectic today but it is so lovely to see all the children's smiling faces. I know some of you have had some really difficult decisions to make over the weekend and for some of you it is right for you to keep your child at home – we understand that - and all we can all do is make decisions around our own circumstances. I really appreciate your emails to keep us informed and your understanding.

Just for your information, we have about a quarter of children at home and the majority of staff are in school teaching the remaining 3/4s. Those of you who have made the decision to keep your child at home have been very understanding regarding home learning – however, I know the staff are very keen to support you. Activities will be provided via Dojo from tomorrow.

What Next?

Like yourselves we are watching the news to see if any further announcements are made. It would seem sensible to hope for the best but prepare for the worst! If your child has not had them already, resources will be sent home over the next couple of days in case there is a full lockdown and we have to switch to home learning & the staff teaching remotely (they will also be required to teach the children of critical workers & vulnerable children in school). If that does happen I will of course update you further.

As you know, several bubbles have closed and many of the staff have had to teach remotely over the last term. We used Dojo as our online teaching tool. It is the preferred option for our school as the staff are skilled in using it and most importantly all our children can now access it (unlike other platforms). Video teaching examples, communication & feedback will be given using Dojo if we are required to switch to remote learning.

Keeping Safe

Please can I ask that you continue to observe the following:

- **Only 1 parent at drop off/pick up**
- **Please wear a mask at drop off/pick up**
- **Please observe social distancing outside school**
- **Please park considerably in allocated car parks only**
- **Please collect & drop off at your designated times**

Thank you for your continued support, understanding and kind words – as always they are much appreciated.