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Dear Parents and Carers,

I so hope everyone had a good half-term.

Obviously, we are desperate to ensure that we do all we can to keep everyone safe after a sharp rise in Covid-19 cases, not only at The Winchcombe but in schools across West Berkshire.

Therefore, we are going to continue to be in year group bubbles throughout the day. This includes our SAL children staying in that bubble all day. Measures like extra handwashing, sanitisation and increased ventilation in classes, will also continue. We will review measures after the first two weeks of term and let you know if we make any changes.

Please can we ask that only **one** adult enters the school premises to drop-off and pick up children at the beginning and end of the day, and follow the one-way system. We would also encourage you to wear a mask on site.

As well as this, West Berkshire and us as a school are asking that if anyone in a household tests positive for COVID-19 then all other members of the household take LFT tests for a week after the result.

Please, please can we also not send children in if they have any of the symptoms below, even if you think it is a cold - check with a couple of LFT's first - using a string of LFT's day after day makes them much more accurate. The main Covid-19 symptoms in children now are a runny nose, stomach pain/sickness and diarrhoea. These are as well as a high temperature, loss of taste or smell and a continuous cough.

Thank you all again for your continued support and please let us know if you have any questions.

Take care,

Mr Neil Pilsworth
Headteacher

