



Bembridge Church of England Primary School

'Learning to love God, one another and ourselves'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

'Reducing Risk Action Plan'

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that from Monday 6th December we are implementing a reducing risk action plan which will have significant changes to how we operate as a school and to the Christmas events planned.

When I wrote to you on Friday, I stated my two plans according to the number of positive cases in school. However, with the changing climate nationally; Isle of Wight Public Health advice; the increase in cases in primary schools on the island; and NAHT guidance for Headteachers; it is evident that we need to take proactive steps to limit the potential spread of the virus within our school and community.

Attached is a PDF with further details on the plan and the procedures we will put in place but here is a brief overview:

- We will stagger the start and end of the day but remain dropping off in the playground

Year R	8:40 – 2:40
Year 1 and 2	8:50 – 2:50
Year 3 and 4	9:00 – 3:00
Year 5 and 6	9:05 – 3:10

- We will create 4 'bubbles': Year R; Year 1 and 2; Year 3 and 4; Year 5 and 6.
- We will stagger playtimes and lunchtimes and keep the bubbles distanced from each other both inside and outside the school building.
- We will no longer have collective worship with all year groups in the hall.
- We will only have essential visitors in school who will be requested to take an LFT; sanitise hands and wear a mask.
- We will not have any large crowd events inside or outside the school.

These are precautionary measures and are designed to maintain low numbers of cases and have the capacity to address an outbreak quickly with limited impact on the children's learning. We want to do all that we can to protect our pupils and staff to ensure a full school year as much as

possible. Education is our highest priority after our first priority to keep everyone safe. Our intention is to keep these procedures in place for the first half of the spring term and review the week before February Half Term, or sooner depending on government or local authority advice.

When making these tough decisions, I always hold what is best for the children at the centre and so I can assure you that the children will still experience all of the Christmas events planned but they will have to be adapted to meet the expectations of the new reducing risk action plan.

Unfortunately, we cannot hold live performances as planned. We will be recording the Christmas Production and sharing a link with parents and carers via email so that all can see the performance. We also hope to have this recording available to purchase on DVD.

We will not be holding a Christmas Fair but the children will be coming home with some handmade decorations or treats. The raffle is still going ahead and winners will be posted on the PTA Facebook page.

We will try to share as much as we can virtually with parents so you can see and celebrate with us. Further details are given in the PDF so please read it carefully.

If you have any queries or concerns, please can I request that you email office@bembridgeprimary.co.uk and we will respond as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely,



Elizabeth Chambers

Headteacher

Name of child: _____

Year Group: _____

I would like to request a refund for the ____ tickets purchased.

I am happy for the money to go to the school fund.

Signature: _____