

## CANON BURROWS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now part way through a second National Lockdown and cases of Covid-19 are unfortunately continuing to be at high levels in Tameside. With a number of very local schools now classed as having outbreaks and having to possibly close whole schools for deep cleaning, it is now more important than ever that we pull together as a community and all do our part to keep each other safe and our school open.

You may be aware that school have experienced 7 bubble closures due to positive cases being identified in Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 6. Although track and trace has revealed none of these cases originated in school it is important that school continue to be vigilant. As part of these bubble closures we have been asked by Public Health England to inform children in the bubbles identified as close contacts, to self-isolate for a period of 14 days. This is to prevent the spread of the virus so children return to school safely and can continue learning.

Unfortunately, during each of these bubble closures school have been made aware of a number of families who are not adhering to self-isolation requirements and children have been seen in public places and out and about. Not only is self-isolation a legal requirement, but failure to self-isolate for the full time period can result in a fine, starting from £1,000.

It is imperative to the safe running of school and to minimise future bubble closures that children who are sent home to self-isolate do so.

If a person is asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace and is on a low income, unable to work from home and will lose income as a result, they may be entitled to a payment of £500 from their local authority under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. Further details are available via:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme>

In response to parental feedback and to reduce the number of children being sent home during a bubble closure, school are trialling an updated timetable which allows for children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to operate as class bubbles. Children in the EYFS and KS1 will continue to operate as year group bubbles as social distancing is not always possible due to the age and stage of the children.



Staff at Canon Burrows continue to work tirelessly every day to make school as safe as it can be and fun place to learn. We want nothing more than to keep all our children in school for every day it is possible to do so. We urge you to support us in this mission by:

- Keeping your child at home and seeking a test if they develop Covid-19 symptoms.
- Adhering to Government guidelines and refraining from mixing indoors with other households.
- Self-isolating, by remaining at home at all times if you are required to do so.
- Being vigilant about wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing at drop off and collection times.

We thank you for your continued support at this very challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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