

02 December 2021

Dear Parents

Today Public Health Wolverhampton have classified Spring Vale Primary School as an outbreak setting. This is because we have had 18 cases in the last 10 days. I'm sure you are aware that many schools and businesses are facing similar situations. The increase in part is due to increased testing within the school community and we thank you all for doing this in order to keep us safe.

Current school actions:-

- Staff are wearing masks or face coverings in corridors and in common areas unless they are exempt;
- Staff and parents are continued to encourage handwashing and hygiene;
- The cleaners are doing extra hours on a daily basis;
- Mrs Kelly logs cases and has a daily conversation with Wolverhampton Public Health;

Further school actions:-

- From Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, registers will stay open until 8.55 am to allow a slower flow of children and adults arriving on school premises;
- Children can be collected at the end of the day from 2.45 pm when external gates will be opened by Mrs Millard;
- We will keep all children until their official end time, we are just giving parents the opportunity to collect their child or children in a longer window;
- This will again ease the amount of adults on the site at any one time;
- If children walk home, they will be dismissed at their current end time.

Actions from Public Health:-

- School are also advised not to host Christmas concerts which involve parents attending, instead consider virtual events.
- A whole school trip was being planned but it is advised that this should not go ahead due to the number of cases in school.

The nativity and the carol concert will be recorded by staff and we hope to be able to put this on the school website for you all to enjoy - further details to follow.

Whilst we are disappointed that we are unable to have parents at Christmas events, I'm sure everyone will understand the reasons behind this. The build up to Christmas will remain special at Spring Vale and staff will ensure that children have some lovely memories. We have had an amazing term and until last week, had had no cases in school since the first weeks of September. This week has been the most difficult week we have encountered so far during the pandemic due to huge levels of staff isolating at home. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Blunt  
Headteacher