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Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to update you all on our Covid Risk Assessments and mitigating circumstances.

We have rising cases of Covid in our school community, despite Government Covid regulations being removed, we have reintroduced Wave mitigations at Timu. We will be putting these measures into immediate effect when the need arises and we will ensure that you are aware of what wave we are putting in place.

At Iwade, we are moving directly into Wave 2. This is due to a sudden and sharp increase in cases over the weekend.

Wave 1: 5 positive cases in a class or 10 chn with positive cases in a community including staff

- Face coverings **MUST** be worn in communal areas and corridors
- All visitors to the school to wear face coverings when inside the building
- Windows opened wider at playtime/lunchtime to refresh the air in classrooms
- Celebration assembly will be stopped to reduce classes in community mixing
- Older KS2 children not assisting with younger children at lunchtimes
- Clubs: keep clubs running but separate children into community groups
- Playtimes/lunchtimes continue with outside play across communities since the risk of transmission outside is minimal
- Lunchtimes - Bobbing – sitting in year groups
- Lunchtimes – Iwade - Sitting in communities/year groups with adjusted times to reduce indoor mixing

Wave 2: 20 positive cases in a school community

Inter-community free mixing is stopped unless outside as risk of transmission is minimal

Wave 1 measures PLUS

- Community bubbles re-instated at Iwade including lunchtime unless outside
- Clubs – children will be kept in community groups when attending indoor clubs
- Child's Play to have allocated tables for the community/year groups who are into wave 2 to prevent mixing with other communities and year groups
- Children involved in Trust Parliament/community council to meet virtually for meetings
- Sensory circuits: will continue to run but in the main hall – separated into communities so the provision can still continue
- Reading squad: can continue to run – adults should wear a face covering, bring the book needed from their own community and the room be well ventilated
- Zen den: can continue to run but children can sit in their classes on separate tables if a class in the community has a high case load

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- Wider agencies can continue to attend - where necessary they should work at a distance to the children and staff
- Parent events including parent consultations – mitigation by reducing numbers attending by ticketed events, increased ventilation & face coverings.
- Children to be taken out by class team staff to PE team to reduce PE team mixing in classrooms
- Any trips planned would need to consider community bubbles and whether a trip could take place due to the impact of additional coaches and costs
- Music and French specialist teachers must socially distance when teaching
- Staff can continue to cross schools, but this is reduced to a minimum and where this takes places, staff will distance, wear face coverings and be in a well ventilated room

Wave 3: increasing numbers despite mitigations across our school community

Wave 2 measures PLUS

- Revert to bubbles as before
- Music/French/PE to be allocated to a community as before

Thank you for your continued support in this matter and for aiding us in keeping our community safe.

Kind regards

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