

# TERRINGTON ST CLEMENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Covid Update & Staffing Levels

I am writing to update you about the rising Covid-19 infection levels in school and resulting staff absence which I alerted you to last week. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we were forced to close a class for a few days last week. We hope this will be the one and only time that we have to do this.

I am pleased to share that we are hopeful that staffing levels will improve this week as staff return from isolation or other seasonal illnesses. Staff absence levels do still remain quite high but we are now managing to keep classes open and return to as much normality as possible. Thank you to everyone that collected at 1pm on Friday or supervised children at home when their class closed. This was an enormous help and very much appreciated. We will resume our normal Friday provision this week.

Covid cases continue to be relatively high in school, much the same as in wider society. We are unable to return to the bubble structure we had last year to try to reduce cases. This is because we have to do everything in our power to keep classes running as normal. So, when staff test positive, instead of closing the bubbles as before, we have to move staff around to cover them. Given that transmission continues to be mainly within class groupings and via siblings, it would also be very unlikely to reduce the number of positive cases.

We have now received our air quality monitors from the Department of Education and are using these to assess the air in classes and improve ventilation where necessary. We are also limiting indoor school contact to phase groups only alongside the additional cleaning and hand washing in place.

I ask that parents/carers remain vigilant and test if your child displays any of the [official reportable symptoms](#). I know many of you are also conducting regular Lateral Flow Tests on your child which is also helpful. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss A Conner, Headteacher



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we aspire, succeed and thrive

