



The Bellbird Primary School

'Soaring to Success'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Bubble closure due to a positive test of bubble member

We are writing to share information on the provision of **work for children who have been asked to self isolate at school, due to a bubble closure**. A bubble closure would occur if a member of the bubble, either child or adult, were to receive a positive test. At this point we would take specific advice from PHE and update you accordingly.

If your child is the bubble member who has received a positive test, then there is no expectation that they will participate in the proposed home learning described below.

For all other bubble members, there will be the expectation that the children fully participate in the proposed schedule for learning, which is a combination of daily face to face contact with the class teacher and time to complete designated learning tasks. If parents have difficulty with the technology, please do let the class teacher know as soon as possible.

On the **first school day of the bubble closure**, the class teachers will spend the day finalising the preparation for the following 14 days. This will provide the teacher with the time to set up groups and send out Zoom links for the following days. For this day, pupils can click on the link for self isolation as described in the letter last week.

On the **second and subsequent school days** of the bubble closure the daily format will be as follows:

9:15 – 10

The children will join the classteacher on zoom as a whole class. During this session the classteacher will:

- take a register and discuss the tasks that the children will need to complete for the day.
- deliver direct teaching of phonics (KS1) and Spelling punctuation and grammar (KS2)
- read part of the class story

10 – 12

Children to independently carry out task set by teacher using the weblinks provided (see further details below)*

1:30 – 3

The class teacher will:

- Meet all children on zoom but in smaller groups (3 groups for 20 – 30 mins max between 1:30 – 3pm)
- Take the register with each group

During this time the children will have the opportunity to share the work completed during the morning, with the teachers and other members of the group. The teacher will provide general and specific feedback about the work, in preparation for the new work for the following day.

* At the end of each day, parents will receive an email with the new weblinks for Maths, English and a foundation subject for the following day based on the feedback sessions.

Teaching assistants will be present in some of the zoom sessions to provide more feedback and information to the classteacher, based on children's responses and work.



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If the classteacher is the bubble member who has a positive test, the children **in the class** *will be asked to follow the work as for self isolation (sent last week and on the website tab) as the teacher will need time to recover from Covid 19.*

If the opportunity arises, we will send home the children with some resources appropriate to their age group, which can be used at home to support with the learning. This may include a whiteboard plus pen, a big to record work etc. We ask that these resources are returned to school once the closure period is over.

As previously for zoom meetings with teachers, we ask that parents are available during the meetings to support the children with the technology use if necessary, but not to participate in the meetings.

As with other major incidents, should a positive test result be received **during school hours**, we would seek to close the bubble immediately and ask that parents pick up their child as soon as possible from school. You would be informed of the school closure via email and the school Twitter page and website. If you are unable to pick your child up straight away but would like someone else to do so, we would need to know that information before we released your child. Please do ensure that you inform the office if there have been any recent changes to either email or phone numbers for either parents.

** It is worth bearing in mind, that any parent is unlikely to have more than one child at home due to bubble closure at any one time, apart from in the case of twins. If the twins are in different classes, it would be possible for both twins to attend the same zoom sessions as the teachers across the bubble will be working closely together on the work set. However this can be discussed on a case by case basis.*

As with all matters at this time, we are constantly reviewing the situation and may need to make slight changes, based on the practicalities of this proposed plan, which we will communicate to you all as soon as we can.

As always, thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney