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### Corona Virus Update No 49

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Dear Parents, Carers

We are anticipating Step 4 developments in the easing of Lockdown measures. It has already been indicated that mask wearing in public places will likely to become a thing of personal choice after 19<sup>th</sup> July. We know that this divides public and scientific opinion but in the current context we thank you for sticking with arrangements. The momentum for the easing of measures continues alongside rising cases of infection which generally do not result in hospitalisation. It has been reported in the media that up to 10% of double vaccinated people could contract Covid again. In this context it is indeed a real shame that the traditional end to a school year has been restrictive and fragmented in relation to class closure.

As you will be aware, we have had to close five class bubbles in the last week; 6M RecY1 Y5F Y2C and today Nursery! This reflects patterns across Sefton schools of rising cases amongst children. Despite all the media coverage around 19<sup>th</sup> July and the proposed removal of class bubble closures, the current arrangements are however **still** in force. We have all heard the messages about testing and preventing contagious situations developing so we would ask you to ensure that no risks are taken when sending your child into school. The impact on staffing and the *domino effect* of certain bubbles closing severely restricts our activity at such a busy time of the year!

Symptoms for children seem to include **headaches** and possibly **stomach upsets** so we would ask you to always err on the side of caution **and test your children even when they are isolating as part of a group who have had their bubble closed**. Equally, following up a PCR test if you have outstanding concerns in spite of a possible negative lateral flow test.

Isolation is usually ten days but can be less for close contacts depending on **when** their last contact with a positive case was. Advice from Public Health England and the Local Authority is always acted upon by school.

It is also most unfortunate that the First Holy Communion Masses were affected too and we could not celebrate the event fully as a community. We would like to thank Fr Dominic Curran and all the catechists for their support and preparation for all the children who received the sacrament for the first time.

Class groupings will be determined over the next fortnight and the only significant change will be that Mrs Greaney will be taking a Year 1 2 class and that there will be two smaller pure Reception classes

### Class Teachers for Next Year 2021 2022

**Mrs Smith Nursery**

**Mrs Devey Reception**

**Miss Plunkett Reception**

**Mrs Tyrrell Year One**

**Mrs Greaney Year One/Two**

**Mrs Clayton Year Two**

**Mrs Sugden Year Three**

**Mrs Claro Year Three Four**  
**Miss Sharrock Year Four**  
**Mrs Farrell Year Five**  
**Miss Hannah Year Five Six**  
**Mrs Metcalfe Year Six**

**Ms Pritchard Deputy Headteacher**

Annual Pupil Reports will be published on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July and there is an opportunity for you to have a phone appointment if you wish to clarify anything in the report on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 3.00pm -5.00pm

Yours sincerely,



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Alison Pritchard Deputy Headteacher

