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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past week and a half, we have been thinking carefully about how we might be able to put in further measures to reduce the chances of children and staff in F2 of having to isolate again due to a positive case of covid-19.

After much consideration and discussion, from the return to school on 23rd November, the children in this class will be split in to two smaller groups.

One group will remain in their current classroom. They will be taught by Mrs Ilett and Miss Green. The classroom space will be partitioned off to make a smaller area appropriate to the number of children and staff.

The other group will move to a different classroom and will be taught by Mrs Heathcote and Mr Steele. Their classroom will be situated in the room that has, until now, been used as the staffroom. Over the isolation period, the F2 staff have been liaising closely with staff who are in school to make this new space into a classroom suitable for the delivery of the foundation stage curriculum.

Below is a list of things that have been taken into consideration for the group who are moving to a new classroom;

- The children will use toilets near to their classroom – they will share these toilets with another small group of children who work in the neighbouring classroom. Other groups of children are being directed to use different toilets in the building
- A dedicated outdoor learning space has been organised for the group
- The children will eat their lunch in the main hall – midday supervision has been re-organised so that the children in both groups have staff they know
- The kitchen space in the staffroom has been ‘child proof’ for safety reasons

The curriculum for both groups will be the same – the children will continue to have the same, structured routine that they are used to.

The foundation team have looked closely at the class lists and have made informed decisions based on a number of factors regarding which children should be placed in which group.

The start and end time for children in F2 remains the same. Parents of children in the new classroom should drop off and pick up at the main school entrance and walk along the gated path at the front of school to exit through the staff carpark, unless you have a child in another group in school whereby you should then use the one-way system via the playground. As this entrance to the building is also used by the Year 6 children, it is important that you are punctual at the start and end of the day.

To be able to plan and implement these changes has taken a considerable amount of thought and effort – I am extremely grateful to the whole staff team who have embraced these changes and helped them to take place whilst carrying out their normal day-to-day tasks. Due to their isolation period, the F2 team have carried out all of the organisation and set-up of the classroom spaces remotely – Monday 23rd November will also be their first day back in school.

Your child will be in Mrs Heathcote and Mr Steele’s class – please use the main entrance for drop-off and pick-up.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

We look forward to having the children back in school on Monday 23rd.



Best wishes

Mrs Essex