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Dear Parent/Carer

Unfortunately, we now have a number of positive COVID cases at Halwill School. The majority are in Class 4 but we do have some in Classes 3 and 2 as well.

The rules are that we are not allowed to close the school or classes, however, remote learning will be set for those who are isolating.

Please do not send your child in to school if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and **please can all children, particularly in Class 4, do regular LFD tests before coming in to school.** We really need to stem this outbreak as early as possible. If you need to contact me out of school hours, please do so via safeguarding@halwill.devo.sch.uk

In order to take precautions within the school we will be reverting to bubbles for this week and will take a view as to whether this will continue in the following week.

What do Bubbles mean for me and my child?

We will have a staggered start and end of the day.

	Start of Day	End of Day
Class 4 + younger siblings	8:45 am	3:30 pm
Class 3 + younger siblings	8:50 am	3:25 pm
Class 2 + younger siblings	8:55 am	3:20 pm
Class 1	9:00 am	3:15 pm

Children should wait on the spots until a card with their class number is raised and then come in to school.

We will reinstate the one-way system for drop-off and pick-up:

Please can all parents and carers wear a face-covering (unless exempt). To aid social distancing we have a one-way system:

In the mornings, walk in an anti-clockwise direction:

- Arrival: Please walk down from the Parish Hall Car Park via the gravel path and into school.
- Maintain social distancing at all times.
- Departure: Please follow the arrows on the ground, and walk up the side pedestrian path through the side gate, cross over the zebra crossing and up the main school drive.

In the afternoons, please do the reverse in a clock-wise direction:

- Arrival: Please walk out of the Parish Hall Car Park and up the main school drive, cross over the zebra crossing and up the pedestrian path through the side gate and on to the school site
- Maintain social distancing at all times.
- Departure: Please leave via the main school gate and via the gravel path to the Parish Hall Car Park





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Class 1 & 2 will be regarded as one bubble and Class 3 and Class 4 will be individual bubbles. We will revert to separate play areas and lunch for Class 3 and Class 4 will be served in their classrooms. Class 1 & 2 will have lunch in the hall.

Each class will have their own designated toilet. These will be unisex (and marked as such). Urinals will be taped off and boys will be asked to use cubicles. The main door will be propped open to allow supervision of handwashing and reduce touching of the main door. Sanitary bins will be available in the Class 4 cubicles.

Class 1	Class 1 toilets
Class 2	Class 2 toilets
Class 3	Junior Boys' toilet
Class 4	Junior Girls' toilet

Wrap Around Care

We understand that before school childcare is very important to enable parents to get back to work so the Morning Club will go ahead **but please consider whether you really need to use this.**

After School Clubs will be cancelled this week.

Christmas Shows

Clearly we are not going to be able to go ahead with the Key Stage 2 shows this week, not least because a number of children involved will be at home isolating and the classes cannot mix to practise as they will be in separate bubbles, It is also not wise to have parents on site this week given the COVID cases in school.

We will continue to monitor the situation and take a view as to whether the Key Stage 1 shows can take place the following week or not and whether we can reschedule the Key Stage 2 shows for the final week.

If we have to cancel the shows it will be with a very heavy heart as they mean so much to children and families and offer the children a great opportunity to develop their confidence, however, the safety of the community must come first.

I thank you for your understanding at this very challenging time and wish you and your families well.

Keep safe,

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