



11th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Internal Self Isolation – Class 4D**

We wrote to you on 6<sup>th</sup> October to inform you that Garlinge Primary School and Nursery had a confirmed COVID-19 case in Class **4D**. Unfortunately, we have been informed this morning that this has now increased to 3 cases within a 10-day period. The Public Health England publication “PHE South East Educational Settings Outbreak Pack” states that when “10% or more of children, pupils, students or staff (approximately) who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period” then the school should consider taking additional temporary measures.

Class **4D** has now reached this threshold and so the school will now be implementing additional temporary measures.

**What are the additional temporary measures?**

Class **4D** remains **OPEN** to all children who are not self-isolating. However, from today, the class will be internally self-isolating from the rest of the school to minimise their contact. This means:

- They will revert to their own class bubble
- They will remain in their own class bubble at playtime and lunch times
- Their assemblies will be a class assembly in their own classroom
- All PE lessons will be conducted outdoors
- **They will be unable to attend Extra-Curricular after school clubs**
- Where possible the school would encourage you not to use the Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club unless absolutely necessary

During this difficult time the school will continue to clean the classroom to a high standard. In addition to this the school will:

- “Fog” the classroom every other day
- Undertake additional spot cleaning of touch points in and around the classroom
- Continue to promote and reinforce good hygiene, including handwashing
- Ensure the classroom has good ventilation

**How long will these measures be in place?**

These additional measures will remain in place until the number of infections falls below the 10% threshold set by Public Health England but we will continually monitor the situation with a view to removing these measures as soon as possible.

We thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any concerns or questions regarding these temporary arrangements please feel free to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Northrop & Mr S Cope

Heads of School