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Dear Parents and Carers

We must start by thanking you for your patience and kind understanding whilst we work with you to ensure our children receive the best education they deserve at this time of uncertainty.

We moved to remote learning for all pupils on Wednesday and Thursday this week until further notice, whilst reviewing our staffing levels, pattern of transmission of the virus and what we considered as the best option to ensure all pupils had the opportunity to learn during this time.

Today we have opened the school to vulnerable pupils and children of key workers in Years 5 and 6, while both Year 3 and 4 pupils continue to isolate.

We are at the point now when we need to inform you about what we will be doing at the start of next week.

Remote learning will continue for all year groups from Monday 24th May.

See below for further details:

- We have looked at our staffing levels taking into consideration the health and safety risks involved and decided that we will stick with a smaller number of bubbles in school. This includes all vulnerable and key worker children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who wish to attend, from Monday 24th May.
- We feel we are at the point when we can have smaller groups of children in school whilst the majority of children engage in remote learning. This will enable all children to have the quality of learning and teaching expected at Park Hill Junior School.
- This will mean staff ratio for face to face and remote learning will be catered for safely.
- The Y3 Bubble will be in isolation until we return after half term in line with the 10 days isolation Public Health England guidance. All Year 3 pupils, including vulnerable children and key worker children will continue remote learning next week.

We will review again on Wednesday 26th May and inform you of what will happen until half term.



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We would like to always reassure you that our COVID secure risk assessment ensures you that the learning environment is safe and that when pupils return to school, they will return to a learning environment where transmission is as low as can possibly be achieved.

For those currently isolating can I remind you that it is essential that you do not circulate within the community. Isolation means to avoid unnecessary contacts which will continue to reduce transmission of the virus. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all families to use home testing kits which can help identify positive COVID-19 cases and that when appropriate and if willing you take the opportunity to have the vaccine. Positive cases should be reported immediately to the school and should you require any further information regarding vaccinations please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your support in reducing transmission out-of-school by following the self-isolation guidelines as required.

Thank you for your kind emails of support with regards to our decision to move our children to online learning. These are very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Pratt - Headteacher, Park Hill Junior School



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