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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 5/6 Maths

We're so proud of how all the children managed the recent remote learning and we'd like to thank you all for your support in making the systems work so successfully. We really appreciate all the positive feedback we have received. Nevertheless, it was a delight to welcome everyone back, all under one roof learning together.

The children quickly settled back into the school life, adapting to the new break and lunch procedures. After extensive discussion with the Senior Leadership Team, and taking advice from the School Improvement Service, we do feel the children would benefit from being taught maths in groups more closely suited to their needs. The approach to mastery maths relies on being able to teach at the right pace and level specific to the learning abilities, of which there is vast range in Year 5/6.

Therefore, we have taken the decision to teach maths in groups with the following additional precautionary measures. In the event of a pupil testing positive for COVID only the class bubble and any additional pupil they sit close to in maths would be classed as a close contact.

Control Measures:

- The tables and chairs will be cleaned before and after each lesson.
- Children from different bubbles will not line up outside classrooms together, they will enter the classroom from different doors (external and internal).
- Children will sanitise hands upon entering the classroom.
- The number of bubbles in each maths group will be kept to a minimum.
- The children from the same bubble will sit together in the maths classes but separately from other bubbles (as much as possible)
- Children will use their own equipment.
- Any maths resources will be disinfected thoroughly and will be stored separately from resources used by children from different bubbles.
- Staff will distance themselves from the children not in their bubble to avoid non-essential close contact.
- Windows and doors will be kept open for good ventilation.
- Books from different bubbles will be stored separately.
- Staff will sanitise hands between marking different bubbles' books.
- Children will stay in their seats during the lesson.

Naturally we will continue to keep our systems and procedures under constant review and make the necessary changes if we feel safety is being compromised. We must however endeavour to strike a balance between teaching effectively to meet the needs of all the children and the children's health/welfare.

Yours sincerely,

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