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## Schools COVID 19 update – Closure of bubbles

Dear parents/carers

Bellfield in common with many schools at the moment is using stand alone, protected bubbles, for staff and children. These bubbles are designed to limit the contact in school between staff and children in these bubbles. In the event of staff absence for any reason staff cannot currently move around into other bubbles to provide cover.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic there are many reasons why staff may not be able to come to into work, these include:

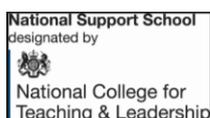
- A member of Staff is off ill or for some other reason not related to Covid-19
- A member of staff displaying symptoms therefore self-isolating until receiving the result of their test.
- A member of staff having to self-isolate if a member of their immediate family is showing symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19.
- A member of staff has been contacted via NHS track or trace to say they need to self-isolate.

If a bubble is short staffed then it **cannot** be covered by other staff as it would have been before. In this case a bubble may have to close at short notice.

### When would a bubble close?

There are 2 reasons why a bubble would close:

- Low staffing levels due to the reasons stated above.
- The DFE says the bubble has to close due to a positive test/s within the bubble.



## Closure of a bubble due to lack of staff

If a bubble has to close then parents will be informed of this via an email and or Seesaw. This information may arrive at any point in the day so please check your email/Seesaw account regularly and **make sure that the school office has an address that you have access to.**

The wording of the email will be as follows:

Dear parents/carers,

Your child's class bubble will be closed tomorrow due to insufficient staffing levels. Further information regarding reopening will be sent in due course.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

This email will be sent for information purposes and staff will not be able to respond with any other information at that time. It is vital that we act quickly and you will be kept informed with information as soon as the school receives it.

## What will happen if a member of staff or child receives a positive test?

A different email will be sent if the bubble has to close in the event of a positive test.

In the event of a member of staff or child receiving a positive test then the school will contact the DFE (Department for Education) who will then advise the school of the next steps to take. Parents will be informed of any positive tests and the action that is to be taken via email/Seesaw. **If the DFE decides a class bubble has to close due to a positive test then parents will be informed that this is the reason for closure as children in the bubble will then have to self-isolate for 14 days.**

We do understand that the closure of a bubble may cause worry and we will be as open and transparent as we can be by giving you all the necessary information we have at the time. Our guidance is taken from Public Health England. Please rest assured that the safety and welfare of everyone involved with the school is at the heart of every decision made.

Yours sincerely

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