



**HEADTEACHER:**

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Ref: Covid-19 update

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have robust procedures in place to protect the school community as best as we can, such as face coverings, regular cleaning of our site, maintaining bubbles, well-ventilated spaces and a rigorous response to any reports of positive cases. Whilst we have seen an increase in cases within our school community over the past two weeks, Public Health England have reminded us that these only represent a small percentage of our school.

As I'm sure you will have seen through the various messages on our Facebook page, the stories in the media and some bubbles needing to isolate, the local case rate of COVID-19, is increasing. For this reason, despite the Country moving into Step 4 of the Government's response strategy, we feel it is necessary to continue with all of our current mitigations for the final week of this academic year. This will include contact tracing of any positive cases (LFD and PCR) and the subsequent isolation of bubbles. We also require our school community to continue to wear face coverings in communal areas, practice good hand hygiene and maintain their bubbles. We appreciate that closing a bubble can be inconvenient for parents/carers but we feel this is the safest method to prevent cross-infection. We will do our utmost to provide live lessons if whole bubbles are isolating at home (subject to staff availability).

Up to and including Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, please continue to report any positive LFD/PCR tests to [alert@saltashcloud.net](mailto:alert@saltashcloud.net). From Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, if your child tests positive using a LFD test (home testing kit), then please call 119 to book a PCR (testing centre) appointment.

Just a reminder that our term ends next Friday at 1:30pm. Contract buses have been booked. The Citybus Number 72 service will not be running so we would recommend children use the Stagecoach Number 2 service instead.

We would like to say thank you for all the supportive comments we have received this week and throughout this challenging academic year.

Take care

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