

St Mary's RC Primary School

'Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'

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Dear parents / carers,

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As you will be aware we have had another case of corona virus in school and have shut down a class bubble. It reminds us all that despite the reduced numbers children as well as staff are able to be in school with the virus and with the new strain the likelihood of spreading it is greater than ever.

Sunderland had the highest rate of infection in the North East this week and yet again we must be vigilant against Covid. From next week all school staff will be self-testing twice a week. The intention is to spot asymptomatic cases which are said to be 1 in 3 covid carriers. Any positive test then has to be followed up by the usual test at a drive in. This may mean that bubbles will go down more frequently. It may also mean that they are only down for a day or two if the second test then turns out to be negative.

Again these are new changes and new challenges and we will work through them like all the others. We have no clear idea how long this situation will go on for and I call on you to be patient and keep trying your best as we move through this peak period.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Clephane'.

Mr M Clephane, Headteacher