

# DRAYTON COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I wanted to write and update you about a development in the government's response to the COVID 19 Pandemic and highlight the possible implications for your family in coming weeks.

Up to one in three people who have the virus have it without symptoms (they are asymptomatic) so could be spreading the disease unknowingly. Therefore, from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January the Department for Education have introduced asymptomatic testing for all staff working in schools. These tests are carried out twice weekly so that any members of staff who may be carrying the virus can be identified and asked to isolate in order to control the spread of the virus.

Staff at our school will be asked to test each Sunday and Thursday evening. Any staff who receive a positive result will be required to self-isolate. This means that the bubble which are part of will also close for a ten-day period.

This obviously has implications for every family, as you will need to have short-notice childcare options in place in the event that you receive a message stating that your child's bubble has closed on Sunday or Thursday evening. We will endeavour to get this message to you by 7.30pm.

I understand that this is yet another complication in an already difficult situation for us all but I sincerely hope that this development will help to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission. This will hopefully mean that the normal life we all crave is just that little bit closer to returning.

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Kind regards,

Karen Winter  
Partnership Headteacher

