Fiveways School

A Specialist School for 'Communication & Interaction'

Fiveways School adopts a rigorous approach and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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'Welcome Back to the Spring term'

Dear Parent / Carer

To update you further, our plan remains for children to start back to school on Tuesday 5th January. You may have heard that testing for those without Coronavirus symptoms is now being rolled out, starting with Secondary and Special schools, using the new, quicker 'lateral flow tests'. We are making arrangements to start and then regularly carry out, this testing process. I would underline that this is entirely a voluntary process and we will be sending you more information and a consent form in the near future. This test will also mean that if a child/staff member is 'contact and traced' they will be able to remain in school and will be tested daily.

At the same time we have been informed that the school is now within a Tier 4 area. If you have any questions I would suggest that your first port of call is the Government DfE website: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home.

In the meantime, we are doing everything to keep the Fiveways community safe, maintaining our emphasis on hygiene and staying within our 'bubbles'. We will continue to do everything possible to enable children to attend school for as much of time as possible. Our 'bubbles' are designed to reduce the number of contacts, so in the event of staff absence we may not be able to cover with supply members of staff, or move staff between bubbles. In such circumstances, as a last resort, we may need to ask children to remain at home.

If you have any further questions please do let me know.

It is very good to hear the news about the new vaccines, which offers hope for a more normal 2021, speaking of which I wanted to wish you all a very happy new year.

Mark (Mark Collis – Headteacher)

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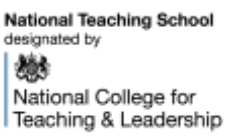
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