



## UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **New COVID safety measures to be implemented in school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

As you are aware, COVID cases are high across the country at the moment and it is vital we take personal and collective responsibility for ensuring that our school and community are as safe as possible for ourselves and each other.

In order to avoid more severe measures (such as bubbles, one way systems and staggered starts/ends to the day) having to be reintroduced, we are hoping that by introducing some precautionary measures, we will be able to continue with 'normal' school life as much as possible:

#### **Actions for parents and carers**

- ✓ Parents and carers are encouraged to wear face coverings when on site and **must** wear face coverings whenever coming into the school (unless exempt)
- ✓ If parents / visitors are coming into school for assemblies or meetings, they will be asked to take lateral flow tests before doing so.
- ✓ Carry out regular lateral flow tests on your children to ensure that they are not asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19.
- ✓ Please do not arrive too early at the start and end of the school day or hang around after collecting your children – it is important that we do not have unnecessary large gatherings on the school site.

Invites have already been sent out for praise / rewards assemblies this week. Please be aware that we are now only doing these with one year group at a time, not two year groups and so assemblies will be on alternate weeks.

**Please note the following changes to dates if you have had an invite to an assembly:**

- **Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> November assemblies will be for Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 on their usual days.**
- **Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November assemblies will be for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 on their usual days.**

### Actions we will be taking in school

- ✓ Face coverings e.g. masks, visors etc to be worn in all communal spaces around school and during all meetings (unless exempt) by all staff, parents and visitors.
- ✓ Ensuring all spaces are well ventilated e.g. have a good air flow. This includes having some windows partly open and doors open at all times. We also have CO2 monitors in school that will be used to identify any poorly ventilated spaces
- ✓ Regular and extra hand washing / sanitising throughout the day.
- ✓ Staff are taking lateral flow tests at least twice per week.
- ✓ We will not be holding large gatherings in school.
  - Praise assemblies will be one year group at a time on alternate weeks (e.g. Year 1 one week, Year 2 the next week etc). Parents will continue to be invited but will have to wear face masks and socially distance in the halls
  - Class assemblies will continue but only the performing class will attend the assembly along with any invited parents.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible while we continue to do our best to keep as much normality as possible in school for the children.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Dickinson

Head Teacher