



Thursday 21st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that further to the letter you have received from Mrs Svenson today regarding the increase in numbers of positive Covid-19 cases, Owlets will remain having the same start and finish times at the moment, **8.45am – 3.15pm**, unless your child starts or finishes at lunchtime which will remain at **12.15pm**.

The school has unfortunately reached Amber Level of our Outbreak Management Plan, and after consultation with Public Health England, starting after half term, we will be temporarily re-introducing the bubble system, so Owlets will once again be one bubble. We realise that this may come as disappointing news to many of you but it is important that we do everything we can to keep the children and staff as safe as we possibly can.

Drop off and Pick Up

We will be returning to asking you to line up from the gate and along the green fence at a two metre distance, and then the staff will welcome the children in to Owlets from the gate. Please can we ask that only one adult brings or collects the children and that all adults please wear face coverings when on the school site.

If you have other children attending King Ina and they will be starting or finishing at different times, please let me know by email:– owlets@educ.somerset.gov.uk and we will try to make arrangements for the children to start and finish at the same time.

At the end of the school day, the children will come out to the gate with staff members, as they do now, but can we reiterate the importance of parents lining up closely to the fence and socially distancing, as there will be children waiting to be collected at the kiss and drop.

Equipment

There will be no change to the items that the children are permitted to bring to Owlets: As a reminder, the children should **only** bring:

- Their lunch in a named bag.
- A drink in their own, named drinks bottle.
- All children may continue to bring a small named ruck sack style bag for their belongings.
- Please make sure that any medication and asthma inhalers are in school at all times and that the relevant medical paperwork has been completed.



We will continue with other safety measures including the playroom being well ventilated at all times, enhanced cleaning procedures, the children washing their hands regularly throughout the day, all school staff wearing face coverings throughout the day and all staff being regularly tested for Covid 19.

Please note that the re-introduction of bubbles is a temporary safety measure, designed to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can. We will review the status regularly and will write to you with updates as soon as we can.

Should children test positive for Covid-19 over the holiday, please continue to inform us at Owlets - this is important for our school records. Owlets emails will be monitored during the holiday and we will respond to you as soon as we can.

Thank you for your continuing support and have a lovely half term.

Best wishes

Alison Peasey

Owlets Manager