

Dear Parents / Carers,

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I have been made aware of parents sharing concerns on social media regarding the rationale for bubble and class closure and deployment of staff.

I appreciate that social media allows you to raise and discuss your concerns with other parents, however this often leads to speculation; it will not give you the answers you want and can cause further concerns and anxieties.

Due to GDPR reasons I cannot disclose or discuss specific information with you, however hope that this letter will provide some confidence in the actions that are being taken.

I fully appreciate that this is a worrying time for everyone. The health and wellbeing of the staff and children is my main priority. Each factor is risk assessed, which then influences the decisions that are made.

Any decision that I make regarding COVID-19 is done in consultation with Public Health England; I am not making these decisions alone.

Some of the factors that are considered are:

- Contact made with the positive case.
- Length of time between contact being in school and symptoms (or test)

We are keeping track of where staff and children go when in school.

Once risk assessed it can allow us to keep staff and children within a bubble in school.

I appreciate how some decisions may seem strange, but if you were aware of all the factors, I believe you would then assured that no one has been put at risk.

I will not put children and staff at risk and if in doubt will close classes or bubbles fully. I am following government and Public Health guidance; whether or not you agree with the guidance is your decision, however I must ensure this is applied at all stages. Please read the government guidance if you want further information.

I ask that any concerns are put directly to me. You will see me at the front of school at the start and end of the day, you can call the main office or send me an email at [BR-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:BR-admin@vennacademy.org). The email traffic we are receiving is very high, but we will reply as quickly as possible.

We are all working extremely hard to provide the children with an excellent education and school experience, whilst keeping everyone safe. We appreciate your understanding and support during this difficult time.

Kind Regards

Emma Levers  
Head of School