



RE: Weekly update 5/2/21

Dear parent carers

I hope this update finds you and your families well.

I am pleased to let you know that from last Monday 1st February, Severndale has successfully become part of the Learning Community Trust. This move into this family of schools will offer opportunities for staff and pupils to collaborate and achieve together in the spirit of mutual support and inclusion. This close working has already begun as I now join the twice weekly, Headteacher meetings to discuss thoughts and strategies of how we get to the other side of this pandemic effectively. Following the end of lockdown, we will share expertise, resources and training to maximise enrichment activities and curriculum offer to our community.

Although the other schools are part of Telford and Wrekin Local Authority (LA), we will continue to work closely with Shropshire LA through a Strategic Partnership Board. This will build on and strengthen the relationship with the Inclusion Team, Children's and Adults Social Care, and other key teams which impact on the children and young people attending Severndale. From discussions, I know that this is important to you and our staff so I will keep you informed of our joint projects as we progress. Initially, we have a focus on completing a full review of EHCPs, Healthcare services and provision, and space/resource/ and pupil numbers.

To give you more information of the LCT as we progress, Gill Eatough, CEO, will write to parents and careers of the trust schools on a fortnightly basis to give updates on developments, information on Trust activities, and what's happening within the 8 individual schools. We look forward to our new chapter with the LCT with positivity and commitment to make Severndale the best it can be for our children and young people.

The situation this week:

Class bubble closures

- Thankfully there have been zero positive Covid test results returned this week.
- 3 class bubbles closed and re-opened following negative test results (2 return on Monday).
- 3 class bubbles closed to isolate as we await pupil and staff test results. Unfortunately, this week some test results have taken longer to return than the usual 24-48 hours. We understand that this causes disruption to your lives and so we are thankful to families for their support so that we can promptly pass on information back to affected groups.
- There have been no asymptomatic cases identified from the lateral flow tests.

If you have any queries, feedback or suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I hope that you have a rested and peaceful weekend!

Best wishes,

Sabrina Hobbs, Principal