



Moat Farm Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to explain, in a little more detail, about why we have made the decisions around the way we are working in school this term. Firstly, can I say thank you for your ongoing support during the Pandemic. The COVID-19 case rate, and the impact on schools continues to be monitored very closely by Sandwell Public Health and the Local Authority.

The plans that we had for our school since September 2021, following the government guidance, continue to be reviewed in response to COVID-19 both locally and in our school. This has unfortunately meant that we have had to make some changes as we have moved through the term, e.g. limiting visitors into school.

As a school we are disappointed that we cannot operate in the normal way that we would have done previously, due to COVID-19. It is very frustrating for us all but as, I am sure you can appreciate, the safety of both staff and children has to be our main priority.

Some of the reasons that have led to the decisions we have made are as follows:

- We have had a number of positive COVID cases in both staff and children over this Autumn Term so far.
- We had a COVID outbreak over the autumn half term in one class.
- The Local Authority and Public Health gave all Sandwell schools additional advice on the 19th October in regards to how we should review our COVID risk assessment, based on their knowledge of what was happening locally. This included: all non-essential events where parents visit schools are moved to virtual.

As a school we will continue to review our risk assessment based on what is happening both locally but also on what is happening in our own school with COVID-19. All schools have a duty to do this, therefore what is happening in one school may be very different to another school regarding COVID-19.

We will continue to offer the rich, varied experiences in our curriculum for our children, but to do this safely it may mean that they are conducted virtually or in a different way to previous years.

Once again thank you for your understanding and patience during this Pandemic and please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D. Walker, Headteacher

