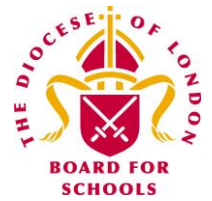




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Dear Parents & Carers,

You may have heard on the news that Covid-19 cases are higher in Primary Schools now more than ever.

This means that staff are exposed to the virus and becoming ill with Covid.

Since we returned to school in January, staffing has been severely impacted again, as it was before Christmas.

Thankfully, the staff TEAM at St Mary and St Pancras are excellent in ordinary times but exceptional in a crisis. Staff are 'acting -up' to cover other peoples duties. This means today, we have been able to keep all classes open and Breakfast Club running.

However, we are at tipping point. If any more staff test positive, we may have to close some classes/Breakfast Club. We sincerely hope we don't get to that point but there is a huge shortage of supply teachers, which means we can't guarantee being able to get external cover.

Please help us by bringing your children to school on time and through their correct entrance. The gates are very busy in the morning as we sanitize the children's hands so please don't hesitate to call the office if you need to speak to a teacher/member of staff.

Please bear with us whilst we do everything we can to keep the children in school and in education and thank you for your continued support. We hope that the situation will start to settle after half-term, as I'm sure you do too.

Yours sincerely

Jules Belton
Headteacher

