

# Faringdon Infant School

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Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **COVID Cases and The Halloween Disco**

As you will have seen from the DfE letter sent out earlier, we have taken advice from the Department for Education, Oxfordshire County Council Education Covid Team and Thames Valley Public Health teams, following further reported COVID cases on Friday and this morning. We are advised to continue the following measures implemented last week.

- Enhanced cleaning - particularly of frequently touched surfaces/ points
- maximise ventilation for all indoor spaces and use outside spaces when possible
- continue with year group bubble model
- Temporarily suspend Assemblies and larger group gatherings indoors
- Continue to be rigorous about hand and respiratory hygiene routines and messages to children
- send out 'warn and inform' letter to all parents and carers (this the guidance letter you received earlier)

## **Halloween Disco – Postponement**

In line with this guidance, we have had to take the difficult decision to postpone the Halloween Discos which were due to take place on Wednesday afternoon. Members of the PTA and I have discussed this this morning and agree that we would like to try to hold the event soon after half term instead, risk assessment and case rates allowing.

As a result, we suggest that tickets and payments are all carried forward and that refunds will be issued if your child cannot make the new date, once this has been agreed.

We know how disappointed children will be about this change (as are our PTA and staff teams – who all had their outfits planned!) and we will certainly do everything we can to make sure that they still get to enjoy this event when it is safe for us to go ahead. Unless there is very significant delay, we will continue with the Halloween theme when we do go ahead.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Fingers crossed for a rapid reduction in cases and for the quick recovery of all those currently affected.

All best wishes,

*Mrs Sally Robins, The FIS Team and FIS PTA*