



## Shelton Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Derby Public Health update

I am sure you are all monitoring the news as carefully as we are today! Dr Robyn Dewis (Director of Public Health for Derby) has written to all parents in Derby today, her letter is attached. In it, she explains why Derby are asking parents to keep children at home while awaiting PCR tests if your children have symptoms. Clearly there is much that is not known about the new variant and I am sure that we'll find out more over the coming weeks. In the meantime, I agree with her that it is wise to protect the health of families, especially more vulnerable relatives of our children and staff, as far as we can until the picture becomes clearer.

### Activity Clubs

For this week and next week, if your child is in Eyam or Cromford bubble, they will not be able to join our after school activities as we have been asked to keep these children in separate bubbles. Instead, we will run a section of our After School Club with games and similar fun activities that your children can take part in. Please let us know if you would prefer to collect your children, otherwise we'll assume any child from Cromford or Eyam who was in an after school activity club will join the extra after school club session for this week and next week. Please collect your children from the main reception office.

### Theatre Trip

As I mentioned yesterday, we are taking a final decision on whether children from Eyam and Cromford can attend the theatre trip following a meeting with public health. Alternative festive plans are afoot just in case.

### And finally ...

A final word to say how proud I am of the children and the staff for their collective brilliance in the face of a tricky situation. The atmosphere in school is lovely and supportive and we are continuing to enjoy our learning together. Thank you to all the parents for your support as we find a way through this latest COVID challenge together!

Yours sincerely,

Jon Bacon  
Headteacher

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***Together, we learn, trust and succeed.***

***Learn*** ... reach your full potential - *curiosity, concentration*  
***Trust*** ... caring staff support every child in school - *collaboration*  
***Succeed*** ... overcome barriers - *resilience, reflectiveness*