



'Learning together through love, friendship, forgiveness and faith'

Tuesday 3rd January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I am very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know your child/ren, you as parents and as a family. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to make contact. I might not have the answer(s) straight away, but I will endeavour to get back to you.

The staff and I are pleased school will be open tomorrow, Wednesday 4th January 2022. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into school. Attached to this email, is a reminder regarding drop off and pick up. Please remember to wear face coverings approaching school site, during drop off, pick up and when on school site. This is for the safety of **everyone**. Please keep your distance from classrooms when collecting.

Guidance on self-isolation has also changed. Individuals who test positive are only required to isolate for 7 days on the condition that they receive two consecutive negative LFD test results (taken 24 hours apart) on day 6 and day 7 of self-isolation. Day zero is the day that the individual became symptomatic or is the day of the test in asymptomatic cases. Individuals are advised to continue LFD testing on days 8, 9 and 10. Please refer to the NHS and Government websites for full details. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

All children should continue to attend face to face education unless they are self-isolating in line with government guidance. The government has confirmed that attendance remains mandatory for ALL pupils upon their return in January.

As you may appreciate, we anticipate that the next few weeks may be difficult for schools to manage. We will keep you informed as and when we receive Covid updates, and also about any changes to school arrangements, including trips and visits.

Due to the Covid situation, the staffing situation could be difficult. Arrangements are in place for partial opening to certain year groups if we are unable to maintain adequate supervision of pupils on health and safety grounds. The likelihood of this has increased due to the rise in cases. If we do have to close to certain year groups work will continue to be provided to your child through different platforms.

Can I send my child to school if they're not feeling well?

Please keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell. We know that Covid-19 is not the only illness out there. If your child has a gastric upset, they cannot return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Please inform the school office by phone if your child is unwell.

How do I speak to my child's teacher?

Please leave a message with the school office, in the first instance.

Please remember that class teachers may not be able to reply to emails the same day however, they will endeavour to reply within three days. If you are communicating details of absence, pick-ups etc. then please do this through the school office email/phone.

Information was sent out today regarding school clubs. School clubs will take place. As a school, Covid safety measures have been put in place, to continue to keep the children and staff as safe as possible. However, it is your choice if you wish for your child to attend a club. Please note, clubs are mixed.

Warmest regards,

Mrs T Ball

Interim Headteacher