



# Headteacher's Newsletter

1/11/21

Dear Parents and Carers,  
I hope that you and your families are well.  
Please note the following:

## Covid

- You will have seen that new guidance has been issued to schools as part of the increased restrictions around Covid. There are no significant changes for Primary schools in terms of our day to day routines. Staff are required to wear masks around school and in communal areas as are visitors to school – including parents.
- There are also changes if anyone is notified about having the new variant:  
*All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR (advice from GOV.UK)*
- Please remember that if your child has symptoms: high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell, then they should remain at home until they have had a PCR test.
- And a reminder that if there is a positive case of Covid in the house, although government guidance is that children may still attend school, we support a decision to keep your child at home under these circumstances and will provide home learning materials so that your child does not miss out on their learning. Please contact the office if you are unsure about what to do.
- We will also be continuing to keep our existing ways of working with as little mixing across classes as possible and no whole school gatherings.
- We now have CO2 monitors in all classrooms so that we can monitor levels of ventilation and therefore close classroom doors more frequently so that children can keep warm.
- Thank you for the support you have given school in having your children tested, following advice and guidelines. Although we have had a small number of cases, our numbers are significantly lower than many schools in the Local Authority.

## Lunchtimes

Due to staff shortages within the Local Authority meals provider, I am afraid that sometimes paper plates have to be used for KS2 and we do try to avoid this where possible.

## Grow to School

As you will be aware, we have started a growing project across school. We had our second visit from the Grow to School this week and fortunately the weather was dry although cold. The children learned how to prepare the beds for winter and made protective cloches for their plants. There is a section on our website about the project which will contain further details and photographs – please take a look.

Thank you for your continued and valued support. Please feel free to contact me at school.

With kind regards,  
Mrs H Edge