



Headteacher's Newsletter

4/1/22

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you and your families and I hope that you are all well.

As I am sure you have noticed, there has been much discussion in the media about Covid in schools so I wanted to remind you about the protocols we have in place in our school.

For us, because we already had robust routines in place, much is the same as it was before the holiday.

- Staff will be wearing masks. Visitors to school are also expected to wear a mask as are parents if you are visiting school.
- 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.
- We will continue to keep our existing ways of working with as little mixing across classes as possible and no whole school gatherings.
- We 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.
- You may have read that, in some cases, isolation may end before 10 days. A lateral flow test can be taken on day 6 and day 7 and if these are clear then isolation can end. However, the guidance is clear that contact should be limited especially within crowded and enclosed spaces. For this reason, we will not be admitting children back to school until a full 10 day isolation has taken place. The risk is too great to our pupils, their families and my staff. Home learning can be provided for the isolation period if a pupil is well enough – please let us know if you require a home learning pack.
- 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 hope to avoid having classes at home for remote learning but whilst Covid numbers are rising as they are, please be aware that there may be times when home learning is the only solution.

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

With kind regards,
Mrs H Edge