

Thursday 21 October 2021

## Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

The pupils have had a fantastic start to the new school year and the first term has flown by. They are all settling in and have made some super progress. It has been lovely to see all the fun they have been having, I have managed to visit each of the primary classes and spend time with the new pupils and reconnect with existing pupils. I was hoping to visit the secondary classes after the half-term break.

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in the number of COVID cases (7 confirmed / 2 pending) in school over the last two weeks which reflects the increase we are seeing both locally and nationally.

There is one class that is closed today, due to multiple cases within the class.

I am confident the other cases are because of community transmission and are not a result of school wide outbreak.

We do anticipate that the number of cases will continue to rise locally and as a result rise in school too.

We have made the very difficult decision to cancel the Holiday Heroes planned for next week as a number of the staff involved have tested positive and are now required to isolate. Given the extreme short notice it has not been possible to arrange suitable staff cover.

Our before and after school club will also be on hold initially for the first two weeks back and then be reviewed depending on the number of cases in school.

The Business Support Team will process refunds as soon as possible.

I understand how disappointing this will be, however, we are still in a worldwide health crisis and everyone's health & safety is my number one priority.

We all have a part to play in keeping each other safe and with this in mind please continue to test next week and immediately prior to returning to school.

Please consider your choice of activities over the half-term and whilst I appreciate it is a time to enjoy spending time with family and friends and having fun, please do this as safely as possible.



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## Halloween Celebrations

We all embraced the Halloween celebration today; it was great to meet and greet the pupils this morning and see them in their costumes. Mrs Millard and I had the very tricky job of judging the pumpkin competition, as they all were so fantastic. It was Halloween cupcakes for everyone for taking part and the winners, Class 7P, had extra special cupcakes. We enjoyed a Halloween themed Celebration assembly, with each class showing their costumes and having a good boogie to some spooky tunes.

## Measures on Return to school Monday 01 November

- All staff and secondary age pupils to continue wearing face-coverings when arriving, leaving, and moving around the school site.
- All staff and secondary age pupils to continue with twice weekly testing until the end of the autumn term in December.
- All pupils who are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case are strongly encouraged to seek a PCR.
- All staff who are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case are strongly encouraged to seek a PCR and engage in 10-day LFD testing.
- All visitors to the school will be required to show evidence of a negative LFD test prior to arrival onsite and wear a face-covering throughout the duration of their visit.
- Assemblies will remain virtual.
- Lunches and breaktimes to continue in class bubbles.

Hoping you all enjoy the break.

Keep Safe 



Kieran Welsh  
Headteacher

