

Friday 05 November 2021

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well and you were able to make the most of the half-term break despite the wet weather.

Unfortunately, we have seen a further increase in the number of COVID cases in school over the break, with 18 cases in total over the last four weeks.

I am pleased to report there have been no cases since returning to school on Monday.

Staff have been taking tests daily and will continue to do so next week, they will then return to twice weekly from Monday 15 November. Their commitment to keeping the pupils safe is commendable and I am incredibly proud of them.

It is so important that as many of our secondary age pupils continue with twice weekly testing, this is key to identifying symptom free cases and preventing outbreaks across school.

Another important way of protecting each other is engaging in the vaccination programme, the immunisation team will be visiting school on Wednesday 10 November, we have approx. 35 of our secondary age pupils taking the vaccine which is sure to play a part in reducing the transmission of the virus.

Staff are also engaging in the booster vaccine programme, with many now receiving their booster, this will again combat the spread of the virus.

The school have also funded Flu vaccines for all staff, we are doing all we can to maintain everyone's health and well-being.

As we approach the winter period, there are a variety of seasonal illnesses e.g., flu, coughs, colds, sickness bugs which all become more prevalent. As you know having enough staff members and staffing the classes safely is an ongoing challenge which is only made more difficult with staff illness, with this in mind please could you ensure that if your child is presenting with any illness, such as coughs, colds or feeling generally unwell that they remain at home until they are symptom free or feeling better.

A decision regards restarting before and after school club will be made on Monday, if cases remain low over the weekend, we will look to restart them week beginning Monday 15 November.



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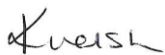
Current Measures

- All staff and secondary age pupils to continue wearing face-coverings when arriving, leaving, and moving around the school site.
- All staff engage in daily testing until 15/11/2021 then return to twice weekly testing until the end of the autumn term in December.
- All staff who are identified as a close contact will seek a PCR and also engage in daily testing for 10 days
- All 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.
- Educational Visits (except swimming) have been paused until Monday 15th November – decision made about the re-introduction Monday 8 November

We have an exciting an action-packed term ahead, with lots to look forward too. Please take a look at our Calendar of events and add the dates to your diaries. Given the rise in cases all our events will be virtual for the remainder of this term.

I'll look forward to seeing you soon, albeit virtually for now.

Keep Safe 



Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

