

Friday 19 November 2021

## Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

I am pleased to report that Covid cases have remained low, with only one pupil case this week.

Unfortunately, we had to close a class for one day this week. I'd like to thank all the parents & carers, for their understanding and support, it was greatly appreciated.

### Current Covid 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 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 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 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 to indoor venues to restart Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

We have had a great week, starting with our Odd Socks Day on Monday as we started a week of activities, focussed on "One Kind Word" raising awareness of bullying and the impact it can have.

Today is the second of three non-uniform days to support our Christmas Bingo event, your kind and generous donations of a variety of bottles today have been fantastic – thank you.

Following three days of interviews last week we have successfully recruited eight new team members, who will be starting with us in the new year. This is a huge positive and will help enormously with alleviating the staffing challenges going forward.



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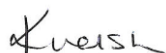


I have had two meetings with the school council asking for their feedback regards how we promote & celebrate our school values. Their ideas have been amazing, and we are excited to begin to put them into practice.

We have already started on one idea; a values art display, which is currently being constructed and will be ready in the next few weeks. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed working with the artist Victoria Hough designing and creating a variety of fabric art pieces, that will be joined together to create a large group piece which will be displayed in the main corridor. Other ideas included stickers, certificates, end of year award trophies, special days, and signs around school.

We are making plans for our Festive Holiday Club, which we are hoping will run for three days Tuesday 21 December, Wednesday 22 December and Thursday 23 December. We are currently finalising staffing numbers which will determine if the club is able to go ahead and how many places and days we are able to offer. Mrs Mahood will be in touch with further details next week.

Keep Safe 



Kieran Welsh  
Headteacher

