

Friday 03 December 2021

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

Unfortunately, the number of Covid cases have increased this week, with six confirmed pupil cases. We have also had several staff absent this week both Covid related and sickness. Unfortunately, we had to close a class for three days this week. I would like to thank all the parents & carers, for their understanding and support, it was much appreciated. Although cases have risen, I am confident they are a result of community transmission and not a school outbreak.

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.

As many of you know there has been a new variant “Omicron” identified and cases have been confirmed in the North-West, with this mind I would encourage all of you to follow the current government health guidance, which is for those that are invited to, to have the vaccination and booster. The guidance suggests this is one way in which we can reduced further variants. Vaccinations are now available for all adults and pupils aged 12 and over. For the latest information about vaccinations please see the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents>.

In our fight against the virus and to protect everyone and keep them safe it is important to ensure if your son or daughter has any of the COVID 19 symptoms or are experiencing any symptoms that are unusual for them you seek a PCR test or alternatively they remain at home, only returning once they are symptom free for 48 hours. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch and we can talk you through the latest guidance.



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We enjoyed celebrating St Andrews Day on Tuesday this week, please look out for the Class Blogs to find out how the pupils celebrated.

Our Christmas Bingo evening was a huge success raising an amazing £460, there was lots of fun to be had and some amazing hamper prizes, thanks to your amazing generosity. Thank you so much to all those who donated items and for those that took part on the evening. A huge thank you to Mrs Howard, Mrs Clegg, and Mrs Millard who organised and led the event.

We have been busy adding the finishing touches to our Christmas Show, it will hopefully raise a smile and spread some festive cheer at a time when we need it the most. The show will be shared during the final week of term.

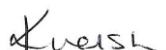
We are taking part in the Cards for Kindness scheme this year; the scheme aims to reduce loneliness and promote the well-being of elderly members of our community. Each class are making a Christmas card for residents in our local care home. For more information or to get involved too please visit the website <https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CardsForKindness>

Mrs McShane is leading on the Astley Park Reverse Advent Calendar – collecting donations to put together festive food parcels for our local food bank to help local families enjoy the festive season without the fear of going hungry. Thanks to your amazingly generous donations for the Christmas Bingo, we have a few items left over which have made a fantastic start to the food parcels. If you would like to donate any further non-perishable food items, please feel free to send them in and we can ensure no families go hungry this festive season.

Mrs Tolan and Class 10R have been busy raising money for Derian House Children's Hospice, selling their Gingerbread Tree decorations, they sold out in record time and raised an impressive £100. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

In our efforts to be as environmentally friendly as we can, we have decided not to send Christmas cards to our local schools, residents, and businesses this year, instead the school council and I have recorded a Christmas message, which we will share with our school community. The message will be available on our school website early next week.

Keep Safe 



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