

Friday 10 December 2021

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

I am pleased to report the number of Covid cases has been low this week, with only one confirmed pupil case and one confirmed staff case.

There has been a significant number of staff absent this week. Unfortunately, we had to close a class for two days this week. Class closure is only ever a last resort, and I would like to thank all the parents & carers in Willow, for their understanding and support as there have been multiple closures in the class over the last few weeks. Your patience and understanding are 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 for the foreseeable future.
- All staff who are identified as a close contact will seek a PCR and engage in daily testing for 10 days. (If Omicron variant must self-isolate for 10 days)
- All secondary age pupils to continue with twice weekly testing for the foreseeable future.
- All pupils who are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case are strongly encouraged to seek a PCR. (If Omicron variant must self-isolate for 10 days)
- 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.

In line with Government advice, all secondary age pupils should be tested onsite on their return to school in January 2022. We will be testing all secondary aged pupils (who have consented) on Wednesday 5th January 2022. If you haven't previously consented and wish your child to take part in our return to school testing programme or if you have previously consented and wish to withdraw consent, please contact a member of the business support team via phone or email bst@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk

We have enjoyed celebrating the festive season with Christmas lunch and Christmas parties this week, there has been lots of lovely festive fun, games, and food.

We have Santa visiting school next week, he will be joining us for breakfast on Wednesday and has a special gift for each pupil.



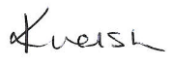
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We also have some other special visitors on Thursday, we have Judy and her wonderful alpacas visiting school. Pupils will be given the opportunity to feed, groom and walk the alpacas. For more information about the charity please see the website <https://www.alpaca-experience.co.uk/>

Keep Safe 



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