

Friday 14 January 2022

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all safe & well.

It has been an extremely challenging week in regards keeping the school open, due to the significant amount of staff absences. Unfortunately, we had to close Beech Class on Tuesday for the remainder of the week, and we had to close 7A on Thursday and today.

I am incredibly proud of all the pupils and how well they are coping with the changes to their routines, especially this week with several swimming sessions, community visits and transport to and from school cancelled due to staff shortages.

I am also incredibly proud of the staff team, who are putting our school values into action daily, showing amazing levels of teamwork, kindness, and positivity, with part-time staff working on their usual non-working days, committing to taking daily LFTs, being flexible and resilient in the face of unprecedented challenge. All to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible education and care for our pupils.

Current Covid Measures

- All staff and secondary age pupils to continue wearing face-coverings when arriving, leaving, and moving around the school site, with the option to wear them in class if they choose to.
- All staff engage in twice weekly testing for the foreseeable future.
- All staff who are identified as a close contact will engage in daily testing for 7 days, any staff member who develops symptoms will immediately self-isolate and seek a PCR.
- 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 need to engage in daily testing for 7 days, any pupils who develop symptoms must immediately self-isolate and 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.



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Pupil Vaccination Programme

On Thursday 03 February the vaccination team will be visiting school again to administer the second dose of the Coronavirus vaccine for our 12–15-year-old pupils, there will also be the opportunity for any pupils, that did not take part in the initial vaccine roll-out to receive their first vaccination. Further details will be shared next week. I would encourage all parents to follow the government guidance which is, if eligible, for all pupils aged 12 -15 years old to take up both doses of the vaccine.

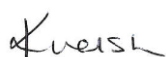
I understand the guidance is constantly changing and it can be very confusing, if you do have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact the school Business Support Team or your child's class teacher who will be happy to help and support you as best they can.

On a brighter note, Tempest photography visited on Monday, it was lovely to see all the pupils arriving super smart, with lots of them sporting a new haircut. Unfortunately, they couldn't fit everyone in, so they will be back again on Monday 17 January, the Business Support Team will send an EduLink message over the weekend to all the parents of the pupils who did not have their photo taken this week.

We have World Religion week, starting on Monday, please check out the website and class blogs to find out how each class are celebrating.

Thank you all for your ongoing support, understanding and patience, it is greatly appreciated.

Take care & keep safe 



Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

