

Friday 28 January 2022

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all safe & well.

Unfortunately, we are experiencing the most challenging time since the pandemic began almost two years ago. We have the highest staff and pupil absence rate so far, and with the removal of Plan B measures and the community adopting a more relaxed approach to testing, mask wearing and social distancing this is set to further increase cases and ultimately staff and pupil absence and increased class closures.

As a school we are maintaining our existing measures as with 45 cases since the end of last term, we are concerned regards the level of transmission despite our additional measures and high levels of compliance.

The staff team are continuing to engage in daily LFT and will do so until the end of this half-term.

I would urge you to ensure that you and your children engage in regular testing, at least twice weekly to enable us to identify infectious asymptomatic cases and prevent the spread of the virus and a school wide outbreak.

Despite the Governments national messaging that the situation is improving, the experience of myself and other Headteacher colleagues in Lancashire, is that this is not reflected in our school communities, in fact we are experiencing the exact opposite, with case numbers rising significantly.

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 daily testing until Friday 11 February.
- 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. 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. If you would like your child to take part in the vaccination programme, please contact the Business Support Team ASAP.

Staff Update


Mr Frawley Class Teacher in 7A has moved on to pastures new, I am sure you will join me in wishing him well. I am delighted to welcome back Mr Massey who has taken over as class teacher.

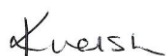
School Events

We thoroughly enjoyed World Religion week, last week please check out the class blogs to find out about all the fun we had celebrating.

On Tuesday next week we are really excited to be celebrating Chinese New Year, this year is the year of the Tiger. Each class will be celebrating in their own way, please look out for your child's class bog to see all the fun and exciting activities they are taking part in.

Thank you all for your ongoing support, understanding and patience, it is greatly appreciated. In the most difficult and challenging times, it is working together as team that helps enable us to weather the most difficult storms.

Take care & keep safe 



Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

