

Friday 04 February 2022

Update Letter



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all safe & well.

I am incredibly proud of all the pupils and staff, as they continue to show such high levels of resilience and adaptability, given the many changes to staffing, cancelled visits and class closures.

As a school we are maintaining our existing measures next week and on into next term too. We have a current total of 53 cases since the end of last term, we feel our measures are reasonable and proportionate and essential to ensure school remains as safe as possible.

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 Monday 28 February and then return to twice weekly testing each Sunday and Wednesday for the foreseeable future.
- 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.

Pupil Vaccination Programme

On Thursday 03 February the vaccination team visited school to administer the second dose of the Coronavirus vaccine to our 12–15-year-old pupils who had consented. I was incredibly proud of the pupils, they coped incredibly well, and it is reassuring to know they have an added layer of protection going forward.

Chinese New Year

We really enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year on Tuesday. The pupils took part in a range of activities to mark the special day and had lots of fun learning about the celebration and its importance. There are some fabulous blogs, with some wonderful photographs of the pupils enjoying themselves.



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Evidence for Learning (EfL) Family App

We are really excited to be able to announce the roll out of the Evidence for Learning (EfL) Family App. Class teachers will be in touch next week with further details and information. The App makes it much easier for you to access your child's learning and progress journey and makes it much easier for you to share any learning that they do at home.

Holiday Heroes

Mrs Mahood has worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to plan and prepare for a fun filled two days out of school club during February half-term. Mrs Mahood has sent out emails confirming places, please respond and accept/decline as soon as possible, so any spare places can be re-allocated. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff who have volunteered to work during the half-term break, without them Holiday Heroes would not be possible.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We have received confirmation that those pupils who are entitled to benefit related free school meals, will receive a £15 voucher to cover the half-term break. Further details will be issued by the BST next week.

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

Take care & keep safe 🌈

Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

