

### Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

Our new school year has started really well. The children are enjoying being in their new classes and getting to know their teachers and teaching assistants. At lunch time and break time the children are all together, this took a bit of time for the children to get used to this having spent all of last year in their Year group bubbles, but they are now enjoying mixing with their siblings and their friends from other year groups. Thank you for continuing to follow our one way system around the school. We are opening the gates a little earlier in the morning so you don't need to queue and can wait on the playground but please stay with your child until 0825 when the children can enter the school building and make their way to their classes. The gates are being shut promptly at 0835 as our school day starts at 0830 when the learning begins. I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

### Latest news and information from Isle of Ely Primary School...

#### **Staffing Update:**

We welcomed three new members of staff at the beginning of September. Miss Rose, Ant Class teacher, Miss Buttress, Little Elvers Class teacher and Early Years Lead and Miss Abbie Huntingdon, 1:1 Teaching Assistant, joined us. They have already settled in well and everyone is enjoying getting to know them.

#### **Parking:**

Just a reminder that the car park is open for you to park in at the beginning and end of the day. Please be mindful of our neighbours and park courteously. Please do not park in front of anyone's drive nor in the flats car park opposite the main entrance to the school.

#### **Attendance:**

If your child is unwell, and unable to attend school, please ring the school office, or send an email to [admin@isleofelyprimary.org](mailto:admin@isleofelyprimary.org) before 0915 to report their absence. Please then phone or email on every subsequent day of their absence.

#### **COVID**

On 16<sup>th</sup> August, COVID-19 guidance changed – please see the next sheet – which means that you only have to isolate if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive with a PCR test. Any other household members do not have to isolate with you. This means that siblings and children should attend school even if there is a positive case within your household unless they have symptoms themselves. Attendance at school is statutory and any absence relating to household members, and not the child, will be recorded as unauthorised.

There has been a rumour that there are lots of cases within the school. This is not the case, we do have a couple of isolated cases and some children are waiting for PCR tests. The school has worked on an outbreak plan, which is available on the website, and we will inform you if there is an outbreak, which is 5 or more cases in a class, and we will implement the plan with advice from the Trust and Local Authority.

COVID-19 Guidance for Parents/Carers from 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021

For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a child/young person please follow the flow chart below

**SUSPECTED** case if child/young person has COVID-19 symptoms

**Key symptoms:**

- A new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

**Additional symptoms** that may be early warning signs of COVID-19 in children include upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue.

Book a **PCR test** as soon as possible online via the website [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).  
Alternatively a PCR test can be ordered by phone on **NHS 119** for those without the internet.

Ensure child/young person isolates at home till the test result.

**\*Who else needs to isolate?**

The rest of the household **does not** need to isolate if they are :

- **Under 18 and 6 months and/or**
- **Double vaccinated and/or**
- **Part of a COVID Vaccine trial and/or**
- **Exempt for other reasons**

If none of the above apply then the household contacts **must** isolate till the test result.

**Result of test**  
(notify setting as soon as possible).

**NEGATIVE**

**POSITIVE**

Young person can return to setting once well.  
Any household contacts can stop isolating\*.

**CONFIRMED** case(s)  
following a  
Positive **PCR** Test

**Positive PCR Result**

Inform the setting of positive PCR. Young person must self- isolate for 10 days.

The rest of the household **does not** need to isolate if they are:

- **Under 18 and 6 months and/or**
- **Double vaccinated and/or**
- **Part of a COVID Vaccine trial and/or**
- **Exempt for other reasons**

If none of the above apply then the household contacts **must** isolate for **10 days**.

Ensure young person isolates at home for **10 days**, along with any members of their household who are **over 18 yrs & 6 months and have not had 2x COVID vaccines.\***

For **symptomatic** cases the day the symptoms began is DAY ZERO.

You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

For **asymptomatic** cases the date of the test is DAY ZERO.

You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

Isolation ends the day after day 10 – the young person can return to the setting, **if well**, and any eligible household members \* can stop isolating. If the child/young person has diarrhoea or are being sick, they should continue to isolate until 48hrs after symptoms – as per usual sickness protocol.

If anyone else in the household becomes unwell and tests positive for Covid-19 they will need to restart/start their 10 day isolation. The rest of the family who have been isolating\*, do not need to extend their isolations after completing the 10 days.

**CONFIRMED** case(s)  
following a  
Positive **LFD** Test

**Positive LFD Result**

Inform setting of positive LFD

Take a PCR test **WITHIN 2 DAYS** of positive LFD - Online at

[www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or 119.

Young person and eligible close contacts\* must self-isolate whilst waiting for the result.

**Negative PCR Result**

Young person and eligible close contacts\* can stop isolation and can return to the setting. Restart twice weekly LFD home testing in secondary aged pupils.

- We continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face covering in crowded, public indoor areas.
- Face covering are to be worn on transport to and from educational settings.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available after 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19 you are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test result, unless you develop new symptoms.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms book a PCR test.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They should not be used in children under 12 years (unless in secondary school).
- If you have had a COVID-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have been identified as a close contact \* of a positive case, a negative LFD test does not mean you can stop isolating unless part of a workplace scheme.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test.

## School Term Dates 2021/2022

### Autumn term

Starts	Wednesday 1st September 2021
Half term	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021
Ends	Friday 17th December 2021
Christmas holiday	Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

### Spring term

Starts	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half term	Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February
Ends	Friday 1st April 2022
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April 2022

### Summer Term

Starts	Tuesday 19th April 2022
Half term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Ends	Friday 22nd July 2022
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 2nd May 2022 & Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June

**PD days - The school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff  
1st September 2021, 22nd October 2021, 4th January 2022, 19th April 2022, 27th May 2022**