

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

Now is the time of year to celebrate the food grown on the land! In Britain, we have given thanks for successful Harvests for a very long time and next week, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, we will be celebrating our own Harvest Festival with our first assembly altogether in the hall for a very long time. The children are currently learning a song for the occasion and we will be joined by Graham Biss from Christchurch, Ely, to help us with our assembly. As usual, we will be collecting for the Ely Food Bank and they have requested the following donations: long life milk, soup, fruit juice/squash, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned puddings such as rice pudding/custard, biscuits, coffee, tea, cereal, jam/sweet spreads, pasta sauce or tinned tomatoes. We will start collecting items for the Food Bank from Monday so please send your child in with one or more of the items listed to help support all those in our community that need it.

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

#### **Staffing Update:**

Mrs Chloe Amory, admin assistant, left us over the summer break. We wish Chloe well in all of her future endeavours and thank her for all of her hard work during her seven years at the school.

We have appointed Mrs Genevieve Snell and she will be joining with us shortly. Mrs Snell will be working in the office each morning.

#### **Parking:**

Someone has taken our large cones from the corner of School Road and Damson Avenue and as there are no cones, parents have started parking on the pavements again. This is very unsafe and puts pedestrians at risk. Please do not park on any of the pavements, there are enough parking spaces in and around the school and also, please park considerately.

If you are walking to school, please be mindful of all of the moving traffic. It gets very busy at pick up and drop off times with people and traffic, so please stay safe and be aware.

#### **Attendance:**

Your child is expected to attend school unless they have COVID symptoms, then they need a PCR test, have vomited or are too ill to attend. If your child simply has a cold with no COVID symptoms, then they should be in school.

#### **Pick up and Drop off:**

The one way system is working well and thank you for continuing to follow the route. If once you have your child/ren, you move around to the front of school to pick up your child from Little Elvers, please be mindful of what your child/ren is doing whilst you wait for the Little Elvers' gate to open. They should not be climbing up trees, lamp posts nor standing on the benches as this is not safe.

Our school site is a dog free site so please do not bring your dog onto any part of the school grounds including the front area near our Reception.

#### **PTA**

The PTA will be holding their AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.

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**