

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

We come to the end of the Autumn Term which has been challenging and rewarding in equal measures. Managing COVID has been the theme of the term and I am pleased to say that thanks to the dedication and commitment of the staff we have been able to remain fully open and the children have carried on learning, being with their friends and enjoying school. I would like to say a big thank you to all of my staff, they are an amazing team of professionals who put the children at the heart of everything they do. I would also like to thank you for your help and support this term, it is greatly appreciated. There is much in the press at the moment about what may or may not happen in January but if we did end up in another lockdown, we are in a good position to start the remote learning as previously but I am hoping that doesn't happen. On the next page, I have listed our term dates for the Year 2022 -2023, please note them in your diary but we still have much to look forward to with this school year. I have sent out our dates for the year but also look on our website calendar and the class pages for further updates. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2022, please relax, have fun and stay safe. I look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 5th January. Happy Christmas!

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

Staffing Updates:

Sadly today we have said goodbye to Mr Ricky Sinfield, Mrs Amina Hoque-Karem and Mrs Genny Snell. We thank them for all of their hard work and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Flu Vaccinations Catch Up session:

This will take place on Thursday 6th January and it is for the children who did not have their flu vaccination in November. Please note that that the medical professionals will make one attempt to administer the vaccination but if a child is too distressed, they will not continue.

Young people asked to share their views on what life is like in today's East Cambridgeshire:

The survey, run by East Cambridgeshire District Council, is seeking the opinions of local young people to hear of their experiences and opinions of what life is like for them in East Cambridgeshire.

It also wants to understand the needs, aspirations and desires of local young people as well as any issues that they face, particularly as a result of COVID-19.

The survey can be completed by using the following link.

https://self.eastcambs.gov.uk//service/Young_Person_s_Services_Questionnaire

The findings will be considered by the council and its partner organisations when striving to meet the needs of the district's 22,000 young people in the future.

Please complete the survey by 20th December 2021

Love in a bag:

We have collected almost 50 bags to help those in need this Christmas so thank you very much.

Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022:

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| Starts | Thursday 1 September 2022 |
| Half term | Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022 |
| Ends | Friday 16 December 2022 |
| Christmas holiday | Saturday 17 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023 |

Spring Term 2023:

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| Starts | Tuesday 3 January 2023 |
| Half term | Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023 |
| Ends | Friday 31 March 2023 |
| Spring (Easter) holiday | Saturday 1 April 2023 to Sunday 16 April 2023 |

Summer Term 2023:

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| Starts | Monday 17 April 2023 |
| Half term | Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023 |
| Ends | Friday 21 July 2023 |
| Summer holiday | Saturday 22 July 2023 to Thursday 31 August 2023 |

PD Days (School closed to children):

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 31st October 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Friday 26th May 2023

COVID-19 Guidance for Parents/Carers from 16th 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. 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 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

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| 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

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|-------------------------|---|
| 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

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|------------------------------|---|
| 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 th 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