



Dear Parent/Carer,

A shorter week this week and today is the last day of the week for the children, as the staff have an INSET day tomorrow, so please do not send your child to school.

An update on the Covid situation: unfortunately, Covid cases are on the increase and I have had 4 members of staff who have tested positive in the last week and a half. There are also a few cases of Covid across the school and we have children who are awaiting the results of PCR tests. There are schools, in the local area, who have had to revert back to bubbles in some year groups. We feel that it is essential that we maintain some of the restrictions, for example limiting the amount of visitors we have in school and the one-way system, so that we can avoid the same fate and keep pupils and staff as safe as possible.

If your child is showing any symptoms, whilst they are in school, such as persistently coughing, we will call you and ask you to take them for a PCR test. We ask you to get a PCR test, rather than an LFT, as the former tests are far more reliable. It is also a lot faster to go and get one from a local test centre, rather than ordering one to be delivered.

The EY and KS1 staff have asked if you/your child has borrowed any clothing from school, such as underwear, trousers etc, that you please return it to the class teacher. Also, if you have any underwear, school pants or skirts that can be donated to school, that would be fantastic. Again, please pass them to the class teacher.

Here are a few more reminders for you:

- **School Meals** - week beginning Monday 29th November will be the Week 1.
- **Covid-19 Reporting** - you must email the school office immediately if your child, or someone in your household develops Covid-19 symptoms or receives a positive test result.
- **One-way system and social distancing** - I know that it is very tempting to take a short cut when you have picked your child up from Y1 or Y2, but please follow the one-way system. I understand that it is frustrating for some of you, but we need to keep some restrictions in place to try to protect us from Covid. This week some people have been going against the flow and closely passing people coming in the gates - this is not safe practice, so please follow the required route. Also, make sure that you are practicing social distancing at all times, especially when waiting for the gates to open. Please line up by the fence.
- **Link Club** - please do not use the staff car park for pick up or drop off. The car park is for staff only.
- **Westbrook Old Hall Preloved Uniforms** - sell good quality pre-owned uniform at discounted prices. The services they provide are good on 3 levels: good for parents' purses - we cost less than new; good for the environment - less waste goes to landfill and all proceeds go to FOWOHPS - which in turn are reinvested into reinvested into the school/children. They have most things in stock already. Enquiries can be made either via the FB parent group; on the Westbrook Old Hall Preloved Uniforms page, or directly by phone on 07702171953

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please email myself or your child's class teacher.

Have a fabulous weekend.

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