



Tuesday 4th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Updates for the Spring Term

We hope that you all had a joyful and restful Christmas with your loved ones and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 5th January. The children's wonderful Christmas performances will remain on our website until Friday 14th January, so please ensure that you have made the time to enjoy these.

Food Bank Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items to our Christmas Food Bank Appeal. The total number of items sent to the Wellingborough Food Bank before Christmas was 1046! We are ever grateful for the way in which you continue to support the local community.

Staffing

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Holly Greene, who is very excited to join us and will be teaching Class 9 this term.

Mrs Sarah Young, who has been covering Class 8 and has built great relationships with the class, will continue teaching in this class.

Miss Bosworth, our new Sports Coach and Cover Teacher, is getting to know all of the children and will be starting to run after school clubs as soon as possible. Sadly, the start of sports clubs has been delayed as we are trying to keep the children in bubbles as much as possible and are awaiting further guidance from the Government. More information to follow.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 18 and over can book COVID-19 vaccination appointments now and 16-17 year olds are being offered 1 dose of the vaccination by 23 August
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze

- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

Covid Guidance

As positive Covid cases continue to be high, we will be continuing with our Covid Outbreak Management plan in order to protect the whole school community and to ensure that we can provide face-to-face teaching for all children.

Covid Safety Measures – to be reviewed on Monday 17th January 2022

- Visitors will only be allowed on site for essential visits. They must Lateral Flow Test and wear a mask during their visit.
- Staff will Lateral Flow Test daily and wear masks in communal areas.
- There will be no assemblies and children will be kept in bubbles, where possible.
- Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result

The symptoms of Covid-19 identified by the World Health Organization are:

Most common symptoms:

- fever
- cough
- tiredness
- loss of taste or smell.

Less common symptoms:

- sore throat
- headache
- aches and pains
- diarrhoea
- a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes
- red or irritated eyes.

Please do not send your child into school with any of these symptoms.

If your child does display these symptoms in school, we will either send them home or offer to Lateral Flow Test your child, with your permission, in order to keep them in school.

We will continue to monitor cases and make any changes advised by Public Health England, the DfE and Health and Safety Executive to ensure our school community is as safe as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these continuing challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Elise Gribble

Acting Head of School