



## Newsletter 14 January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I don't like to start the newsletter talking about Covid, but unfortunately we've got a growing number of cases across the school and I want to explain what we're doing to try and manage the situation.

Due to the increase in cases, we are going to step back up some of our preventative measures to hopefully isolate case numbers. These measures will involve:

- Children being taught at their desks rather than seated on the carpet (apart from Yr R)
- Teaching in rows rather than in table groups wherever possible
- Avoiding using the shared cloakroom areas
- Sitting in separate class areas in the hall for lunch
- Not attending whole school assemblies in the hall
- Any shared equipment being sanitised before use

We will continue with our existing measures such as regular hand washing, cleaning regimes and keeping the school building well ventilated. We are using the CO2 monitors to tell us when to open the windows and doors, but during this cold weather, the classrooms will inevitably be colder than usual. We will do our very best to balance the need for ventilation with comfortable classroom temperatures but it would be a good idea to send your child to school in a few extra layers if the weather continues to be cold.

### **How you can help:**

If you have access to LFD tests, please test your child in the next few days as it will help the school limit asymptomatic transmission. If your child tests positive, report it to the school and NHS and please note that there is now no need to seek PCR test in this circumstance. LFD tests can be ordered from the NHS. [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid or tests positive:**

We would ask you to keep an eye on your child and if they develop any signs of illness that could indicate coronavirus (COVID-19), i.e., temperature, cough, loss of taste or smell or cold like symptoms, they should get a PCR test (not an LFD) and remain at home at least until the result is known. PCR tests can be booked online. [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19)

If negative, the child can end self-isolation. If positive, the child should follow the current isolation rules. These are changing on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and are explained in this document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>

Thank you for your support during this time. I will keep you up to date as the situation unfolds.

## Anti-bullying assembly

I was very proud of some amazing girls in year 5 this week who asked me if they could write an assembly about anti-bullying and being a “telling school.” Not only did the girls write and dramatise a wonderful assembly for KS2 today, they also wrote and performed their own song to round things off. It’s great to see our children take the initiative and get involved in spreading such an important message. Well done girls!



## Life bus

It was a pleasure to welcome Mark from the life bus PSHE team to school on Thursday and Friday this week to talk to the children about healthy lifestyles and wellbeing. Children learned a lot about mental health as well as looking after themselves and each other. We look forward to welcoming Mark back again next year.



## Year 2 Art and Science

In their Art lesson, Year 2 have been using a range of materials creatively to design and create their own three dimensional superheroes.



In Science, the children have been learning how the shapes of some objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.





#### Reflection and symmetry in year 4

In our Art lessons year 4 have been creating patterns using reflection and symmetry. They have enjoyed making our own geometric shapes for printing and creating an abstract piece using a section of a drawing.



## The Friends - School calendar sales

Anyone who still would like to buy a school calendar will have a last chance to do so next Tuesday after school. They cost £5 each and payment can be made with either cash or card. Please do consider buying one – they look wonderful and the funds raised will benefit the children.



### Friends meeting 18<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm

The next Friends meeting will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm – please do try to get involved and join the team of volunteers who do such important work to raise much needed funds for the school. The meeting will be on Zoom and there is a link on Class List.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God bless, Mrs Harper