

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to 2022 and I hope everyone has had a good break. There is obviously on-going concern as regards the Covid situation and there are some updates in this week's newsletter regarding the mitigations and arrangements we have in place in school. I would like to use this opportunity to reassure parents that, as a school, we had kept a number of our safety measures in place throughout the past year and as such, things will not look too different to the children as regards keeping everyone safe in school.

Regards,

Ms Helm: Head Teacher

Please find the our latest COVID guidance below

Self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19:

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals including children under 5 may now take Lateral Flow tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.

Anyone who is unable to take Lateral Flow tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19:

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take a Lateral Flow test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Remote education:

Please continue to update us if your child is unwell with as much information as possible about their symptoms and equally if they are required to isolate but are well enough to access remote learning. Remote learning will be put into place via Google classroom and live streaming into lessons. Once you have informed us your child is ready for remote learning a senior member of staff will be in touch to set this up.

If you have any further questions about this guidance please contact the school and we will be happy to support you.

Our 'Thought for Next Week'

Next week, in our assemblies, we will be thinking about:

"What Unites Us? Similarities of all human experience"

What does the phrase, 'unity is strength, division is weakness' mean?

How can we demonstrate unity in our classes each day?

It is World Religion Day on January 16th; what things are common to all religions?

HOME-LEARNING PLAN

Over the course of this half term, there may be times where some children will need to isolate at home.

If they are feeling well enough to learn from home while isolating, please encourage them to join their classes on Zoom for English, Maths and Topic lessons.

The times below show what time you need to zoom in for each lesson:

9:30am – English

10:45am – Maths

1:30pm – Topic - except on the day when they do PE – during this time you can do PE at home in your own way!

Don't worry, you won't need to zoom in for the whole lesson – only for about 20 minutes so you can listen in and follow what your class is learning.

You will need to use the zoom link below to join your class for English and Topic. For Maths, click on the link for the teacher you go to for Maths.

For example: if you are in 3J you will click on Miss Jones' link for English and Topic. But if you go to Mrs Ahmed's class for Maths, then you will click on Mrs Ahmed's link at 10:45am to join her Maths lesson.

Once you have finished the zoom lesson, go back to Google Classroom, do the task and hand in a picture of your completed work.

If you have any questions, please write it in this stream.

Happy home-learning!

COVID UPDATES

There obviously continues to be national concern as regards the new Covid variant. As a school, our current measures seem to be effective in reducing transmission in school and we have had minimal disruption to learning last term. Please could I ask that we continue to keep the following procedures in place in order to keep our staff and children safe:

- * Please utilise LFTs or PCR tests if your children are showing any symptoms.
- * Continue with our one-way systems in the playground and staying on the walkways; please do not come too close to the classroom doors. We are also encouraging face-coverings in areas where 2m can not be maintained e.g pick-ups and drop-offs.
- * Encouraging your children to wear school jumpers and fleeces so we can open the windows/doors if more ventilation is needed.
- * Using the home-school communication books so that there is less need to try to talk to the class teachers at the start/end of the day; this keeps the flow of traffic moving.

CHRISTMAS AT NB:

