



17th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Autumn Letter 12- Autumn Term 2021 - 2022

Covid Update

Following a pupil testing positive for Covid last week and two members of staff, further cases were reported at the beginning of this week and so we reverted to our 'Interim Covid Procedures'. I would like to update on our present position.

We currently have 6 pupil cases in the whole school, 4 confirmed by PCR tests and 2 by LFT's. These comprise of 1 pupil in Willow, 4 pupils in Hazel Class (including 2 pupils who tested positive last week and have been at home since).

We have received notification this morning of 13 negative PCR results for pupils who have taken tests since Monday.

Currently, we have 3 teachers who have had a positive PCR tests (Year 3 and Year 6) and 1 member of the support staff team (Year 3). We have 2 teachers (Willow and Cedar) who have had a PCR tests today and will remain at home until they are notified of a negative result and/or are fit and well following their period of isolation.

As you know, I notified the Worcestershire County Council Local Outbreak Team on Monday and I am currently working with them to ensure all necessary measures are in place. It is a recommendation by the LORT team for all adults to wear face-coverings during busy times of the day, so please do so when dropping off your child and when collecting from school.

A reminder again of the steps taken to protect us all:

Interim COVID Procedures

Although the Government Guidance (shown below) allows schools to remove all COVID procedures, we will be keeping some of the systems we used at the start of the year. These interim measures will be reviewed regularly:

1. Key Stage 'bubbles' maintained during Breakfast Club and After School Club
2. Collective Worship will be virtual and pupils will remain in their classrooms
3. Face coverings will continue to be worn by staff during the start and end of day routines
4. Staff will continue to do twice weekly lateral flow tests
5. Pupils will mix in Key Stage 'bubbles' at break-times
6. Pupils will gather on the playground in Key Stage 'bubbles' at the start of the day
7. Parents will collect pupils directly from the classrooms at the end of the school day and use the 'COVID' one-way system (Yellow dots)
8. Staff will be sanitizing all shared equipment or putting it into quarantine for 48 hours
9. The library and school office 'waiting room' will remain closed during these interim COVID procedures
10. Reduced visitors on site
11. Telephone appointments with parents

Whilst we still have Covid procedures in place in school, we will not be distributing any birthday/special occasion sweets or treats brought in by the pupils.

Kind regards

Mrs Dean
Headteacher