



1st December 2021

Dear Parents,

Autumn Letter 22- Autumn Term 2021 – 2022

Statutory Phonics Screening Check

Schools are usually required to screen all Year 1 pupils in Phonics annually in the summer term. Due to Covid-19, this statutory check is now implemented in the autumn term (once the pupils are in Year 2). Last year, we were delighted with the outcome of 96% of our pupils passing the Phonics Screening Check. This was despite a disjointed year due to the pandemic. Mrs Marshall, is currently undertaking the check with Hazel Class and once again the results are looking very promising. This year our target is 100%!

Our chosen Phonics programme of Read, Write Inc. has enabled our pupils to gain very thorough early reading and writing skills, even during the lockdowns and periods of pupil isolation, as we have been able to offer differentiated RWI lessons on line.

Covid-19 Update 11

Today's numbers are as follows:

Willow- 3 pupils

Rowan- 12 pupils plus 3 members of staff

Hazel- 1 pupil

Oak- 10 pupils

Ash- 1 pupil

Cedar- 3 pupils

Maple- 0 pupils

Elm- 1 pupils

**Please note these are the reported and confirmed cases.*

*The Local Outbreak Team continue to advise the following: **'If you think your child is a close contact but has not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace then they should take a PCR test'**. I am keeping you informed of the situation as it develops, enabling you to be able to book and take a PCR test if there is a known case in your child's class. Please also book a PCR test if you have a positive Covid case in your immediate family. We are seeing that the LFT are not always identifying positive cases, with some pupils testing negative on LFTs and subsequently positive with a PCR test, so please do book a PCR test just to be on the safe side.*

DFE Guidance 28th November 2021:

Information for all education and childcare settings on new measures in response to the identification of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK

On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. The new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant while we gather more information.



Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and pupils or students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. Pupils or students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.

Initial Teacher Training Students

We are hosting placements for trainee teachers once again this year. Currently, the trainee teachers are on a face-to-face placement in Y4 and Y6 and completing virtual placements in EYFS and Y3. The students who are on site have all had negative PCRs taken over weekend and will continue with daily LFTs.

Ofsted Report

I was really pleased to receive the draft Ofsted report earlier this week, following the inspection of NJK in November. As soon as the report has been finalised I will issue a copy to all families. Once again, many thanks for your ongoing support.

After School Clubs

We are continuing to offer sports clubs after school as these are in key stage groups and take place outdoors. The next step on our Outbreak Management Plan would be to cancel these clubs. Pupils attending wrap around care are now arranged in class groups (separate tables) within their wider key stage groups.

Enhanced Cleaning

Since our initial Covid cases were reported, we have implemented enhanced cleaning procedures. A fogging machine will be used now as part of our regular clean in order to further sanitize all classrooms and areas.

Home Learning

Well done to the pupils who are completing their learning this week via Seesaw. We are very impressed with what you have been doing and submitting. Keep up the good work! Thank you to the staff for uploading the work to Seesaw as well as delivering the curriculum in school too.

The following information was also included in the Warn and Inform Letter:

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If the child has a positive test result but do not have symptoms, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK](#) (www.gov.uk) or by calling 119.



Finally, many of the pupil cases of Covid appear to be asymptomatic or manifesting as cold symptoms. However, I would just like to wish all of our pupils, staff and parents who might be feeling ill with coronavirus a speedy recovery. We look forward to all of our school community being back together soon to enjoy the exciting curriculum activities planned for the rest of the autumn term.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Dean'.

Mrs Dean
Headteacher