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Article 29: Children have the right to develop their personality and talents to the full.

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update from Public Health England

Firstly, I want to say a big thank you for all your support over the last fortnight in supporting the school with the extra measures implemented to keep COVID cases low. This week, BCP and UKHSA (Public Health) confirmed and have asked schools to once again continue with the extra Covid measures for at least a further two weeks, until 29th November 2021. As a reminder, this means we will continue with our extra mitigating factors, as outlined in Mrs Carter's letter from 1st November 2021.

We would greatly appreciate all parents' support with the following:

Extra measures

1. Get a PCR test for everyone in your household if anyone has symptoms which might be COVID. There are lots of coughs and colds around at the moment, but if you have any symptoms get tested to rule out COVID-19. You can book a test online or by calling 119. You may be eligible for support from BCP or Dorset Council if you or your child need to self-isolate (for example, eligible individuals have received a one-off taxable payment of £500).
2. Keep your child at home if they have tested positive or have symptoms. This will be an authorised absence.
3. Children who have no symptoms but are waiting for a PCR test result are encouraged to take daily lateral flow tests. These children can still come to school but a daily test will help spot any COVID infection before the PCR result comes back. It is fine to use these lateral flow tests with younger children (if they allow you to do so, of course – for some children, this may not be appropriate and that is fine and understood). These tests are free and you can order them online or collect from a local pharmacy.
4. Siblings of children who are positive are also encouraged to take daily lateral flow tests. If one child in the household has tested positive, it is very possible that the other children at home will also become infected. Although siblings should continue to come to school, they can take daily lateral flow tests in order to identify COVID infection early (again, that is if lateral flow testing is appropriate for your child).



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5. Test everyone in the household twice weekly with rapid lateral flow tests. Do not use a lateral flow test if you develop any symptoms, you must book a PCR test.

6. Use a face covering around the school gates where areas are crowded. For example, at collection and drop off times. We also ask that any visitors to school continue wearing their face covering when inside our premises, until further notice. Primary school staff, as has always been the case, are not advised to wear face masks, but to continue to observe excellent hand and respiratory hygiene and keep rooms well ventilated.

Schools will be doing the following, IN ADDITION TO THE MEASURES ALREADY IN PLACE, until at least 29th November:

A. Taking opportunities to reduce the mixing of children where it is practical to do so. This does not signify a return to 'bubbles' but we will reduce mixing between pupils where we can.

B. Avoiding large gatherings in school. For this period of time, events such as assemblies and worship will not take place for large mixed groups.

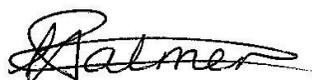
This means that, due to the lack of time to be able to prepare for them (and the very likely event that the additional measures will then be extended further until the end of term) we are also having to cancel the **Christmas fair**.

As they are in year groups, the following will still go ahead: **Y1 nativity; Y2 singalong**,

Please remember, this is **NOT** a return to full Covid restrictions, but simply a small increase in measures to try and ensure that the South West reduces its numbers of cases in the lead up to Christmas.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. Although we have had to make the sad decision to cancel a few of our events this term, we will do our best to make the lead up to Christmas as fun and as festive as possible for our wonderful children and school community.

Best wishes,



Mrs Palmer
Head of School



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