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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all. I sincerely hope that you all had a relaxing, safe and enjoyable Christmas. I hope that those family and staff members that received positive results during the Christmas and New Year break have and continue to recover well, and that you all managed to enjoy the festivities in some way or other.

There have been a few changes to the guidance since our last communication with you. These include:

- Isolation reduced to 7 days if a negative LFD test is received on day 6 and day 7 (24 hours apart)*Please see example below.
- From Tuesday 11th January, if you test positive on a Lateral Flow Device test, you will no longer have to book a PCR test and should commence the isolation process.

*When testing on day 6 and 7 of isolation, please ensure that the tests are 24 hours apart. E.g. Day 6 test at 7.00 am and Day 7 test at 7.00 am. If the test is negative on day 7 and you have tested 24 hours apart, then you will be able to stop isolation from the time of the day 7 test. However, if the 24 hour rule has not been adhered to then isolation can only start on Day 8. Please note: **this only applies if both results return a negative reading on both days.**

With the Omicron variant circulating transmission, may I ask that you all continue to play your part in keeping everyone safe. Please do not send your child into school if they have any Covid symptoms or are ill in anyway.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

When COVID-19 is circulating, it is worth also being aware of the wider symptoms of COVID-19 including: sore throat, headache, muscle ache, fatigue, shortness of breath, blocked/runny nose, diarrhoea and vomiting, and cold-like symptoms.

I appreciate that Lateral Flow Testing Devices are currently in short supply but would request that children are tested twice weekly as a minimum wherever possible. Please follow this [link](#) for information about symptom and non-symptomatic testing sites in Coventry as well as drop-in vaccination centres.

We have already had reports of a small number of pupils who have tested positive on a LFD test this week and we will be monitoring the situation as well as working with the Local Authority if numbers were to rise. Mitigation steps, as per the school's Outbreak Management Plan, may have to be introduced and your co-operation, should this be the case, would be very much appreciated. These may include the reintroduction of children sitting in rows, staggered drop offs and pick ups, suspending extra-curricular clubs. We hope that this will not be necessary and any such changes will be shared with parents as soon as practicably possible.

Staff News

We welcomed Mrs Deller back to Stivichall this week following her maternity leave. The following members have also joined us this week:

- Miss Gale is the new teacher in class 4S
- Ms Balu is the new teacher in class 1S

Timings of the School Day

May I remind you that children in years 1 to 6 *must* be in class **no later than 9.00 am**. The gates open at 8.50 am to allow for a 10 minute window for arrival in school. Reception children should be in class no later than 9.05 am ready to start the day. Gates will be closed at 9.05 am.

If your child arrives after their respective start time then they should report to the school office to be signed in as late as registration will have closed. Persistent lateness is regularly monitored and discussed with the school's attendance officer. Thank you for ensuring a smooth and prompt start to your child's learning day and for avoiding unnecessary interruption to the start of the day for all other children in their class.

Items brought into school

Below is a reminder of items that should be brought into school every day:

- Water bottle
- Warm outdoor coat

Please ensure that all items are clearly named so that they can be easily returned to the rightful owner should they become separated. This avoids lost property and unnecessary waste when unclaimed items are disposed of.

Children should not be bringing any items of stationary into school including any pencil cases. Bags still need to be kept to a minimum.

Emergency Contact Information

It is important that you keep us informed of any change of address or telephone numbers held on our database, associated with your child, to enable us to keep our records accurate and up to date. Please notify the school office of any changes. Thank you.

Extra-curricular Activities for Spring Term

- **Athletics** – this will run for the next two weeks for all attendees. A team will then be selected and only those members should attend.
- **Boys'** football trials will continue for two more weeks commencing Monday 10th January along with a lunchtime club for those who cannot attend the afterschool session.
- **Girls'** football will continue from Friday 14th January, we are looking for more year 6 girls to join this club with the aim to create a school girls' team. Letters have been circulated via the classes today.
- **Basketball club** for year 5 starting from Tuesday 11th January. Letters sent out today.
- **Year 6 Minecraft Club** will continue this term.

The following external led clubs will continue throughout the Spring Term:

- Lunchtime Flyte Gymnastics Club
- Lunchtime Tennis Club – letters sent to Year 2 yesterday
- Afterschool Leivers Dance
- Afterschool Punjabi lessons
- Afterschool Ricky's Dance – letters sent to Year 3 and 4 yesterday
- Afterschool Sky Blues in the Community Football – letters sent to Year 3 and 4 yesterday
- Afterschool Year 4 String Club

Please note that the guidance is that we can continue to run extra-curricular activities as per the Autumn term, however, if there is an increase in cases then we may need to look at temporarily suspending such clubs. We really hope that this won't be necessary but this does form part of our mitigations as per the school's Outbreak Management Plan. It is important to be aware that such changes may be brought in at short notice. This is unavoidable and we thank you for your understanding.

Movie Themed Lunch – Thursday, 20th January

You will have received a notification earlier today regarding a special Movie themed meal on Thursday, 20th January. Please note that if you have already booked your child's lunch for this day in advance, then you will need to log back onto your ParentPay account again to rebook, as the menu for the day has been replaced with a Movie Day Themed lunch. **Bookings must be made by Thursday, 13th January. No bookings can be made after this date.**

Rising 5 Admissions for September 2022

A reminder that if you have a child due to start school in September 2022 (date of birth between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018) the closing date for applications is **Saturday 15th January 2022**. **Please note that you will still need to apply for a place, even if you live in our catchment area or have other children who already attend our school.**

Schools vs. Climate Change Competition

We are excited to announce an opportunity for our school to take part in the Schools vs. Climate Change national competition, to take climate action.

Schools vs. Climate Change is an online competition where children can compete against other schools in a fun, online competition to see who can score the most 'green goals'. Green goals are scored by completing a variety of activities to inspire changes that, collectively, can have a big impact on the planet as well as scoring goals for our school to become the School vs. Climate Change champions.

The tournament will be taking place between Monday 10th January – Sunday 20th February (6 weeks). Further information can be found on SeeSaw or by following the link planetsuperleague.com, where you can sign up and help Stivichall reach the top of the leader board! Have fun! *Miss Watson*

Eco Tip

Each week, our Eco Warriors will be sharing an 'Eco-Tip of the Week' with you in our newsletter. We will also be keeping the school website and Twitter updated with what the Eco team have been up to.



This week's top eco tip: Try to recycle more and be eco-friendly! Aman, 6S

Parking

We have received a report of a vehicle mounting the pavement in Green Lane yesterday at pick-up time as the driver attempted to get passed inconsiderate and illegally parked cars. Although this manoeuvre is dangerous to both pedestrians and other road users, it is also disappointing that parking issues have already become a problem so early in the new year.

Please can I remind parents to use consideration when parking, as well as respect in relation to our neighbours and other pedestrians and car users. We are all part of the same community and all have a duty to behave responsibly.

Yours sincerely

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