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Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have received an increased number of confirmed positive cases in school. Thank you for your cooperation and vigilance in undertaking lateral flow testing upon receipt of a contact letter from school and/or seeking a PCR test when your child presents with symptoms.

As mentioned last week, 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.

In school, it has been noted that children have been presenting with an upset stomach/tummy pains in the first instance and when completing a test, they have returned a positive result. Please do not send your child into school if they have any Covid symptoms or are ill in anyway.

New Guidance from Monday, 17th January:

- Isolation reduced to 5 days if a negative LFD test is received on day 5 and day 6 (24 hours apart)*Please see example below. Your child can return to school if they are well and temperature free for 48 hours prior to them attending.

*When testing on day 5 and 6 of isolation, please ensure that the tests are 24 hours apart. E.g. Day 5 test at 7.00 am and Day 6 test at 7.00 am. If the test is negative on day 6 and you have tested 24 hours apart, then you will be able to stop isolation from the time of the day 6 test. However, if the 24 hour rule has not been adhered to then isolation can only start on Day 7. Please note: **this only applies if both results return a negative reading on both days.**

If the result of either of these tests are positive, you should continue to self-isolate until you get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until you have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

If you are asymptomatic and test positive on a lateral flow device and go on to develop symptoms then the isolation period is to be restarted and calculated from the onset of symptoms.

A letter from Kirston Nelson, Director of Education and Skills and Valerie De Souza, Interim Public Health and Wellbeing for Coventry accompanies this newsletter and outlines the current situation in Coventry as well as offering further guidance.

We are continuing to monitor the situation here in school as well as working with the Local Authority. As stated last week, 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.

Stivichall Acorns Wraparound Provision

Due to staff shortages as a result of Covid, afterschool provision provided by Stivichall Acorns, has only been offered for emergency provision since Tuesday. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused our families but are very grateful for your understanding and support at such short notice.

Although we are still dependent on test results going forward, we are hoping that Stivichall Acorns will be able to run to normal capacity from Tuesday next week. A communication will be shared with parents on Monday to confirm that this is the case.

We hope that the communication sent out on Wednesday via ParentMail by Mr M Ballinger, Chair of Governors, explains in more detail the necessity to have temporarily limited spaces during this time and how the school will be working on a contingency plan should this have to happen again.

Any bookings that have had to be cancelled this week, will be credited to your Magic Booking account and the staff are busy making these adjustments on your behalf.

Important Dates next week:

- Thursday, 20th January - Movie Themed lunch day

Bookings for this is now closed. If you have not booked a dinner via your ParentPay account for this day then please send your child into school with a packed lunch from home. Thank you.

World Religion Day

It is world religion day on Sunday we will be marking in this in school with an assembly on Monday to celebrate the diversity of faiths in our world and to promote understanding and peace between different religions.

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 tomorrow, **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.**

Staff News:

- We are delighted to announce that Ms Sands gave birth to a healthy boy last Saturday. Baby Rohan Leo, weighing 8lb 4 oz, was very keen to make an entrance and we cannot wait to meet him.

Parents Consultations via SchoolCloud

This term's parents' consultation meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 16th March
- Wednesday, 23rd March

Further details on how to book will be sent out after the February half-term break.

Year 3 and 4 Camp dates

Our exciting and educational school camps have been booked again for this year. Please make a note of the dates in your diary:

- Overnight Year 3 camp – Friday, 10th June on the school field
- Overnight Year 4 camp - Tuesday, 24th May at Rough Close Campsite, Coventry

Further information for both the above events will be shared nearer the time.

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: Remember to put some bird feed out to help our local birds throughout the colder months (John-Paul, 5S)

Punjabi Lessons

There are a few spaces available to children in years 1 and 2 at the Tuesday afterschool Punjabi club. Please contact Mrs Bains on 07886 001070 for further information.

Girl Guiding

West Orchard Church Brownie unit currently has immediate spaces for girls aged 7-9, meeting every Friday night 6.15pm - 7.45 pm during term time. Parents can contact directly at brownies30th@hotmail.com , or if you are looking for an alternative Brownie unit/evening or interested in other groups available i.e.: Rainbows and Girl Guides then parents can register interest on the main Girlguiding website. www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Yours sincerely

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