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The Newsletter
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19:

This change came into effect in England on Monday 17 January and applies to all positive cases, regardless of vaccination status.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

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

The new rules also apply to people who are already isolating – so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17 January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.

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.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Reminder on the temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education and childcare settings:

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) have been temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested (either at home or through ATS) and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.

This change is informed by public health advice.

Individuals are only asked to take a follow up PCR test after a positive LFD test if they:

- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme
- have received a positive day 2 LFD after arriving into the UK

If anyone has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test. If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the result is positive, they do not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

Coming up:

Friday 21st January -Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows 8.45am – 2.30pm. Y6 have all been informed of the arrangements for the day.

Sunday 23rd January- Family Mass for Y5 at 10.30am. Immediate family are invited and masks are to be worn. Fr Michael is looking forward to seeing everyone.

Monday 24th January- Holy Communion Practice in Church at 6.30 pm. Parents invited to attend so any queries can be addressed or clarified.

Thursday 27th January -Y3 Study Trip to the Science Museum in Manchester on as part of their Science topic work this term (letter issued Wednesday 5th January). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £11.00 on ParentPay asap –thank you!

Friday 28th January - Closing Date for the Parent Governor Election at 12 noon. Don't forget to use your vote!

Saturday 5th February -First Holy Communion Day. Maximum of 8 people can attend the Mass per family which includes the child making their First Holy Communion. Please return the reply slip to the presbytery (letter issued 13th January). If you have any queries at all, please contact Fr Michael direct on 01772 612136.

Monday 7th February – Celebration Mass at 2.15pm in church for Y5. Fr Michael would like all Y5 to join him for a special mass to celebrate the children who have made their First Holy Communion. Parents and Grandparents welcome to come along.

Tuesday 8th February - Y4 Study Trip to Formby Point and Eco Centre, Southport (letter issued Wednesday 5th January). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £19.00 on ParentPay asap – thank you!

Nasal Flu Vaccinations:

Public Health England/NHS have said that they are texting all parents on Monday 17th January 2022, to advise that they can still book their child in for a flu vaccination. This is in response to recent media activity about health impacts of flu on children. The text will direct parents to contact 119 service should they have missed the flu sessions in schools. If any parents need advice, please contact the team on the Flu email address (as below).

Intrahealth is commissioned by Public Health to deliver the school flu immunisation programme. Our team has prepared external clinic catch up sessions to deliver additional flu vaccines within the LEA, outside of school hours.

Parents can book appointments this month on the email below giving school name/borough and a contact number in the email.

lanccschoolflu@intrahealth.co.uk

Online Safety:

Please find attached this month's 'Online Safety' Newsletter. We know that many pupils were lucky enough to get I-Pads and computers for Christmas so always a good idea to check settings etc and do reminders with your child about keeping themselves safe online.

School Meal Promotion – 'February Food Fusions':

On **Thursday 3rd February** we will be holding our next school meal promotion. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than **Tuesday 1st February**. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.30 should be made through ParentPay please.

The meal menu will be Pork or Veggie Meatball Marinara Sub Roll with Noisette Potatoes, Vegetable Sticks & Dips or Sweet Chilli Veggie Noodles served with Mini Spring Rolls followed by Vanilla Sponge & Chocolate Sauce.

The school meal promotions really help to keep our School Meals budget afloat so it's great that so many children join in! Thank you.

Absence (Medical/Dental Appointments, etc.) with Appointment Card:

Where possible, please try to make appointments out of school time. However, should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please provide school with a copy of the appointment card or letter **at least two days** in advance of the appointment so the correct codes are recorded for their absence. **If an appointment card or letter is not available, please write a note or email the school with the details of the appointment.** Pupils should be collected from the Reception area near the school office. Please ensure that your child has been 'signed out' on collection. On your child's return to school, pupils must be brought to the school office and, again be 'signed in' by a parent, carer or family member. This is for health and safety and fire regulation purposes to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.

Players in Education Holiday School:

Players in Education are running clubs during Easter and Summer Holidays. Please see flyer attached and book places early so you don't miss out!

PTFA Update :

The Santa Dash raised an enormous £1483.95 so thank you very much for supporting the event. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Christmas Pop Up Shop raised £766.30 which is fantastic and hopefully you enjoyed the gifts that were bought for you! £301.00 was raised at the Cake Sales during the last week of term, a huge thank you to Mrs Nowak for doing a great job baking all the cakes.

All the money raised is going towards our Forest School Project which is very exciting!

And finally...

Thank you to Mr Pickles who came to talk to Y6 about his amazing trip to Everest Basecamp as part of Y6 geography topic about Mountains. Y6 were fascinated and inspired by the talk!

As always, please get in touch if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – 'FEBRUARY FOOD FUSIONS' – THURSDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2022

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 3rd February. I will ensure payment of £2.35 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:Year Signed.....