



18th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and a chance to enjoy the beautiful sunshine. We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Tuesday 19th April and have a busy Summer Term ahead of us. This term we are planning lots of events and opportunities for you to come into school to support your children - for example at sports day, assemblies and performances. Unfortunately, the last term was again much disrupted for us all by COVID outbreaks and we hope that the term ahead is slightly smoother.

As you know the Government guidance has been updated again and the requirement to test to confirm positive cases has been removed. We are asked now to treat COVID, or suspected COVID, as a respiratory illness that we learn to live with and to follow suggested guidelines to minimise any spread and avoid further disruption to learning.

There are actions we can all take to help reduce the risk of catching COVID-19 and passing it on to others. Therefore, in the weeks ahead we do need to ask for your continued support to try and avoid any outbreaks. The most important thing we ask is that you continue to **keep your children at home if they are not well enough to be at school or you suspect that they have COVID**. We know that for most children and young people illnesses, including COVID, will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids. However, some vulnerable children could be very poorly and members of staff are often ill for longer and of course this then disrupts the learning for all the children in a class.

I know that many of you will still have LFT tests at home and will be intending on using these in the weeks ahead. If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should not come to school and try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. For adults the recommendation is still to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test.

We will continue to keep up other measures such as increased ventilation and hand cleaning in school. We hope that by working together in the weeks and months ahead we can keep everyone as safe as possible and enjoy the learning and wider opportunities in the term ahead.

I look forward to seeing you very soon

With best wishes

Sharon Barton
Head Teacher