

Headteacher Update



January 2022

Welcome Back and a Happy New Year

Staff have returned to school for our fourth training day this year and we are using the time to enhance and develop our common approach to behaviour for learning.

We will be sharing this with the children and parents over the next few weeks.

We do have a number of staff off school isolating, and we will be working flexibly across the school to maintain face-to-face teaching. To enable us to do this, adults from across the school may work with your child's class. This is our first preference as children are happier with adults they know and who know them. We will use supply teachers from our regular agency and again we endeavour to employ people who have worked with us previously.

These are difficult times and I know we all wish for our children to remain in school, however with the age of our children their safety as well as their education is a major priority.

I will continue to monitor the staff absence situation and please be assured that we will be doing all we can to ensure that your child continues to receive an excellent education.

We will also be doing all we practically can to ensure that the spread of COVID, and indeed all germs, is minimised across the school. Please help us with this by remembering to do the following:

- **Ensure your child practises good hygiene – binning tissues, covering mouth when they cough, washing hands frequently**
- **Keep your child at home if they are unwell and seek a test as advised if they have any COVID symptoms**
- **Wear a mask whilst on the school site**

I will continue to keep you updated on the situation and I look forward to welcoming the children back.

Let's all stay well

Regards

Mrs Taylor

Prevent the spread of COVID-19

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home



If you are worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 119 – do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

Symptoms to look out for

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

A link to the latest guidance is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>