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Covid-19 Update

This week I have had to close down four year groups, this is after consultation with Public Health England as we had several pupils return separate positive Covid-19 results. I wanted to make you aware that Public Health England are happy with the precautions in place around school, however this new variant of the infection is highly contagious and seems to be affecting children across the country far more so than before. We will keep year groups separated so the risk of spreading the infection is limited, whilst all the other protocols remain in place such as regular handwashing and staggered breaks. Unfortunately, the infected children have been identified out of school, but as they had attended Calshot School within 48 hours of developing Covid-19 symptoms we have to send all pupils that may have been in contact with them home.

Last week we had to contact a parent who had sent their child into school despite the fact that the child had been in contact with a family member who was waiting for a Covid test result, which ended up being positive. We have also had pupils sent into school despite being unwell that have subsequently transmitted the infection to others. I want children in school as I know that is the best place for them however I must stress the importance that national guidelines are still followed. **Please do not send children in if they have any Covid-19 Symptoms.** We have found that with some of the positive cases reported the children had headaches and a form of sickness, some did not have the traditional symptoms that Covid-19 present and some were asymptomatic.

If a child or family member has any symptoms of Covid-19 they must be tested, if a child displays symptoms in school they will be isolated and sent home. You will need to get a test done and return a negative test result before we can consider allowing a child back into school. Whilst you wait for the result you must still isolate, in case it is positive.

When there is a positive case in a year group bubble, then that bubble will be told to self-isolate for 10 days, in accordance with PHE guidance. Each bubble comprises of pupils and staff members, those that need to isolate are the people that have potentially been in contact with the infected individual. If a pupil has to self-isolate and there is a sibling in the household the sibling can still come to school, **however you cannot bring the self-isolating pupil to school with you.** For pupils who have to self-isolate then we will temporarily return to remote learning, using Purple Mash.

Parents can order LFT kits for the home, here is the web address: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Thank you to the parents that have collected children and the positive messages you have shared with staff. I know how difficult taking time out of work is for our working families, we have similar staffing issues of our own. If you or your child are required to self-isolate you may be eligible to claim for a £500 grant from the Government via Birmingham Local Authority to help cover the loss of earnings. The link to the web address for

the claim is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme>

Due to the current situation, as many pupils are not in school, some events planned for next week have had to be postponed.

Year 6 Apprentices

Next Friday Year Six will be holding their annual Apprentice Challenge Sale. This is their opportunity for the Year 6 pupils to create/ construct, market and then sell a range of small items that cost between 50p to £2.00.

'On Friday 9th July we will be selling customised items made by Year 6 on the KS2 playground as we are doing an Apprentice Challenge. You will be able to buy items from different groups and in the end the group with the biggest profit wins. There are posters all over school to inform you of what you can buy'- Harjas (6C)

'On 9th July Year 6 will be having a sale, where you can buy huge bargains. Come to school with a small amount of money and purchase some fantastic items.' - Hasham (6H)

Transfer Day

Originally Transfer Day was to be next week for the whole school, however with KS2 having to isolate it seems it would be better if we postponed it. For this reason, Nursery still will hold their Transfer Day on the 7th of July whilst the rest of the school will have theirs moved to Wednesday 14th July instead. On this day your child will find out which class and which teacher they will be having in September.

Sports Day

Sports Day was always going to be different this year as it can only be class based. With all the disruption going on I have decided to move Sports Day back by a week to allow all children to take part. Sports Day will now take place on Thursday 15th July. Please make sure children come to school wearing suitable PE clothes and bring a bottle of water with them.

Reports

School reports go out annually and this year we will send Early Years and KS1 reports out on Friday 2nd July and KS2 reports a week later on Friday 9th July. As KS2 pupils are not in school it made more sense to delay sending them home until they are all back. Parents will then need to contact the class teacher, via email, if they wish to discuss any issues arising from the report.

Active Fund Raiser

'Wingrove Wipe-out' & 'Atterbury's Assault Course' has been postponed until Monday 12th July. On the day pupils can wear out door PE clothes and should bring a water bottle in with them.

After a difficult week I wanted to end this newsletter on a positive. I want to thank the anonymous person who donated £50 towards school trips. A really kind gesture that was gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support and please keeps safe!

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