

Dear Parent/Carer

January 2022 Newsletter

A very 'Happy New Year' coupled with my personal thanks and those of the staff, for the many Christmas gifts received. Your kind thoughts and support are very much appreciated as we all look forward to better times and becoming more Covid free.

The Spring term is an incredibly short period in the academic year and it is important that we maximise attendance to ensure our pupils continue to make progress. Last term, a considerable number of pupils achieved 100% attendance and were congratulated with 'praise postcards' sent home - a significant achievement during the ongoing pandemic. Inevitably, attendance will continue to be impacted by Covid and it is essential that we all take precautions and minimise the spread of the latest variant which is highly infectious. The school is updated daily by Government and NHS advice and will continue to ensure all safety precautions are implemented where possible. However, there may be occasions where it is necessary to close individual classes due to an infection outbreak or serious staff absences/operational reasons. I know that such decisions taken at short notice can be very disruptive to family routines and we will do all we can to ensure that you are kept informed of the length of such closures. Your child will have access to learning resources provided by the teacher/Phase leader if it is necessary to close their class. If learning resources require access to technology, this will also be provided by the school along with internet access.

The school does not routinely test pupils for Covid on site; however, there are Government Lateral Flow Test kits available for home use. Please ensure a PCR test is taken as soon as possible if your child shows any of the symptoms of Covid or a positive Lateral flow test. When testing is not practical, it will be necessary to keep your child at home for the required isolation period. Please ensure that you keep the school informed of all absences.

Sadly, the impact of Covid restrictions made it impossible for you to attend the pupils' Christmas show performances. However, as promised we are offering the opportunity to watch a video recording at school of each performance over the following six dates:

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 19th January 2022 - Early Years & Primary

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 20th January 2022 - Secondary

Thursday 13th & Tuesday 18th January 2022 - Post 16

Performances will start at 6pm and last approximately 30 minutes.

Please contact the school office to reserve your seat, if you are interested in viewing any of the performances. We kindly ask that you wear a face mask, hand sanitise in reception and socially distance during your time in school.



Neil Sykes
Principal