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28th January, 2022.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thankfully we are able to get back on Zoom Star assembly this week to celebrate the achievements of the following children:

Y6 – Nashe and Moharnab
Y5 – Lexi and Pippa
Y4 - Daisy G and Debra
Y3 – Bethany and Corban
Y2 – Ollie and Olivia
Y1 – Finlay and Alanna
Reception – Leiah and Ryleigh
Sports - Alex S and Tatenda

It will be lovely to share the excellent learning behaviours demonstrated by these children and hope that parents, carers and wider family are able to join us.

COVID situation in school

There are currently:

- 27 children isolating with COVID;
- 5 members of staff isolating with COVID.

This is down slightly compared to last week and hopefully we have reached our peak for now, but this can only happen if you continue to test your children daily if they have been in an infected class daily for 7 days using lateral flow tests. Our latest two cases were reported this morning – both children in reception class.

It continues to remain essential that we take every precaution to keep the community safe. We would still prefer to keep to a 10 day isolation to make extra sure that the infection is completely clear. However, if your child has a completely clear LFD test on days 6 and 7 (day 1 being the day after symptoms started, or the day of the test if there were no symptoms), you can send them in after 7 days as long as they are well and showing no symptoms.



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We are still not taking the risk at the moment of the 5 day isolation as we are still at level 3 of risk out of 4 levels. This will be reviewed when the case load comes down and we are not having the daily notifications of new positive cases.

Clubs

We have taken the difficult decision to postpone clubs until after half term. We are not yet ready to resume mixing bubbles in school and risk another spike in cases. I will be meeting with Miss Williams to discuss the possibility of a homework club limited in the first instance to Year 6 who have got their SATS test in early May. As you know this class has been the worst affected of all of the classes, and we want to make sure that gaps in learning are addressed. We will write to Y6 parents and carers separately about this.

Parking

The residents of Wynstead Covert are continually having problems with their driveways being blocked and their allocated parking spaces being taken by parents and carers on the school run. I would respectfully ask that you stop doing this and appreciate residents' rights of access to their properties. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Finally...

This is certainly not the start to the spring term that we hoped for, but I just want to reassure you that the children are working and playing hard in school and they show their happiness to us every day in so many small ways. It has been a joy to see children returning from isolation, all smiles as they reunite with their friends and picking up so well from where they left off. They continue to be an inspiration and grow every day, and that is what this school will always be about – despite those things beyond our control! So please have a good and safe weekend, and get well soon if you have been affected.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth