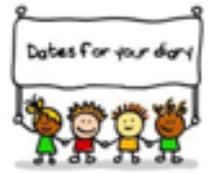




Welcome Back to school and Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and any plans you had were not disrupted! The staff in school are all well and looking forward to another busy term and hoping that any disruption is kept to a minimum!



Latest Guidance We will continue to closely monitor the situation in school as this term gets underway but please be aware of the following:

Children who are close contacts of someone who has tested positive no longer need to self-isolate but it is recommended that they conduct daily LFD tests for 7 days.

If a child develops symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell) you will be asked to collect your child and have them tested.

If a child tests positive they must remain at home and start their self-isolation, then on day 6 and day 7 they must provide a negative test result on both of these days. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 7. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Staff are continuing to test twice weekly and if any member of staff tests positive then they will begin a period of self-isolation. This will inevitably cause disruption to the classes and we will endeavour to cover staff absence where possible. However, in the worst case scenario it may be that we do need to resort to online/remote learning at short notice. If this is the case, I will inform you as soon as I possible.

Staff Changes Unfortunately we have had to say goodbye to a couple of members of staff. Mrs Sarah Beard will be leaving us on 14th January to start a new post at Nidderdale High School. Mrs Mim Courtney will also sadly be leaving us and we wish them both well for the future. We will be looking to recruit their successors as soon as possible.

Best wishes for the new year.

4 Jan - Staff Training Day
5 Jan - Children return
9 Feb - FGB meeting
17 Feb - break up for half term
18 Feb - staff training day
28 Feb - Return to school

Pre School - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's explore!'

Reception and Year 1 - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's explore!'

Year 2 and 3 - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's go to China'

Year 4, 5 and 6 - Our theme this half term is: 'Vikings and Anglo-Saxons'