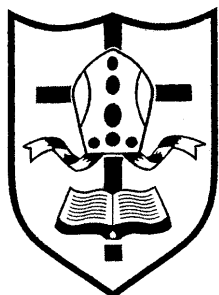


Summer 1

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## Welcome back

Welcome back to school for the summer term.

Please read the information about covid on the next page.

We have many things planned for the children to enjoy this term. School trips will be taking place after the half term, keep an eye out for the letters.

After school clubs are starting next week for years 1-6. Please note children who didn't get a place will be on a waiting list.

### Platinum Jubilee celebration- Dressing through the ages.

We will be holding a day of celebration for the Queen reaching 70 years on the throne on Thursday 26th May.

The children are invited to come dressed up in a costume dated from the 1950's to 2022. We will post some costume ideas on the website - keep looking on the news feed.

There will be a street party lunch on that day - watch out for a letter about it later in the term.

### School nurse drop in

The school nurse will be holding drop in sessions on Wednesday 25th May from 1:30pm. If you would like to speak to her about any concerns you may have about your child's health please ring school and book an appointment. It will be first come first served.

### Lent fundraising

The children raised an grand total of £901 which is absolutely fantastic.

The children in the school council will be deciding how to split the money up and where to send it.

Thankyou for supporting this venture.

## Latest Covid Guidance

The national guidance on COVID-19 changed again on 1<sup>st</sup> April so here is an update on how we will keep our school safe this term. We recognise that rates of COVID continue to be high and, although the risk of serious illness is much reduced, any spread of infection will lead to staff and pupil absence. We hope to keep such absences to a minimum through effective measures in school and the continued support of our community.

### **If an LFT is positive what should happen next?**

#### **· Pupils under age 18**

If an LFT is positive pupils should stay at home for three full days from the first symptom or positive test which is counted as day 0. For example, if a child has no symptoms but has a positive test on Monday then Tuesday is day 1, Wednesday day 2, Thursday day 3 and they can return on Friday if they are well enough and their temperature is normal.

#### **· Staff and adults**

Adults should stay at home for five full days from the first symptom or positive test which is counted as day 0. For example, if an adult has no symptoms but has a positive test on Saturday then Sunday is day 1 and Thursday is day 5. They can return on Friday if they are well enough and their temperature is normal.

### **If someone has symptoms but does not have a positive test what should they do?**

- Staff and children should not attend school if they have a high temperature and/or feel too unwell to carry out their normal activities. They should return when their temperature is normal and they are well enough to carry out their normal activities.

### **Can children attend school if they have symptoms but no temperature?**

- Children with a slight cough, sore throat or runny nose can attend as long as they are well enough to carry out normal activities and do not have a raised temperature. They may wish to take a test if they have one at home as an extra precaution. They should follow the advice on respiratory hygiene such as coughing/sneezing into tissues and regular handwashing. Additionally, they may choose to wear a face covering to protect others if they wish.

### **Is a negative LFT needed before an individual can return to school?**

- No – an individual can return after the advised number of days as long as they are well and do not have a high temperature. As they may still be infectious they should take extra care with hygiene on returning to school.

### **Can a pupil or member of staff attend if they feel well and have no symptoms but have a positive test?**

- No, the guidance is clear that they should stay away for a set number of days, even if they are well and symptom free. They may be infectious during this time so coming into school poses a high risk of passing the infection on to others. This will result in other pupils and members of staff being absent from school which we want to avoid.

### **Reporting Absence**

- To report absence please telephone the school office on 0161 480 8466

### **Vaccination**

- Vaccination continues to be available and has been a key element in reducing the extent of serious illness. A letter was sent out earlier this week with regard to first and second doses for children age 5 years and above. Please book in to get your children vaccinated if you are able.

### **Face Coverings**

- There is no expectation that staff wear a face covering in school but they are able to if they wish.

### **General Hygiene Advice**

- Pupils should continue to wash their hands more regularly and use the sanitiser around school. They should also use the '*catch it, bin it, kill it approach*' when coughing and sneezing. They should be aware of personal space and support us in keeping windows open to allow good ventilation.

I am really grateful for the support of our community as we have navigated through COVID. I look forward to the summer term with renewed optimism.

## **SATs week**

The children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs the week beginning 9th May, Monday to Thursday. Please make sure that they get a good night's sleep the night before and they are in school on time.

Year 2 children will also be taking their SATs but in a much less formal way in small groups in class.