



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Autumn Term
31st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely holiday. I know a number of you have been battling the dreaded COVID so I hope everyone is on the mend.

Unfortunately, within the school context we still have 10 live cases, 6 pupils and 4 members of staff. We have members of staff that are really very poorly and one, currently in hospital. In addition, we have a further 6 members of staff off ill.

I have been in regular contact with the London Coronavirus Response Centre (LCRC) this week and in discussion with them the following measures are being put in place:

For parents and carers:

All parents and carers to wear masks at the gate please

All parents and carers to encourage their children to come into school independently if at all possible please

All parents and carers to maintain social distancing and leave the playground promptly at the end of the school day please

All children, where there is positive case within the household, to isolate where ever possible please

Take your child for a PCR test if they are unwell in any way and keep them at home whilst waiting for the results

Yr 5 will be entering with the rest of the school from tomorrow as their outbreak has now been contained

Thank you

Within school we have been advised too:

Return to remote assemblies and refrain from any large group gatherings

Stagger lunches and have separate tables for separate year groups

Split after school club into two halls

Return to virtual staff meetings

Return to wearing masks in communal areas

Have a cleaner on site all day

Cancel all non-essential visitors and visits

Keep all meetings virtual with parents, carers and services
Staff to test daily if necessary using lateral flow tests, but a minimum of twice a week

We will be reviewing every two weeks as we move through the rest of the Autumn term.

I know this feels like a backward step but, ultimately, I want to keep everyone as safe as possible and keep the school running. None of us want to see a return to remote learning and if staff numbers continue to fall at the current rate, full operation of the school would become very difficult. So please, let's continue to work together to try and halt this current outbreak within school.

I know you will join me in wishing everyone a speedy recovery and sending all our love and best wishes to the member of staff currently in hospital.

I look forward to seeing everybody else tomorrow.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove