



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
6th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sadly, I am still working from home as I am still not well, but I really hope to be back fighting fit on Monday. I will look forward to seeing you all then.

I am reliably informed the children have all come back really well and settled quickly. Which is lovely to hear.

Well, the differing guidance from the government is coming at us thick and fast at the moment. I have attended two meetings with other head teachers and Public Health this week so I thought I would share with you what we are doing in school with regards to COVID.

We are staying very much as we were before Christmas, when we were in the 'Outbreak Management Plan'. We are no longer under that plan but we are going to retain all the measures we put in place, so I am listing below all the things we are continuing to do:

- Masks are being worn in communal areas and where adults feel they cannot social distance
- All assemblies are via zoom
- All staff meetings are via zoom or split into smaller groups
- All Governor meetings are via zoom
- Parents are not able to enter the building unless by prior request from myself, or there is an urgent need based on a child's wellbeing
- Play in the playground is restricted to two year groups at a time (except at lunch where some are in eating, some are outside playing)
- No visitors are allowed into the building without a negative LFT, and only essential visitors are permitted
- Staff are taking twice weekly LFT tests
- The dining hall remains separated with just two year groups in the hall at any one time
- Enhanced cleaning continues

- Parents and Carers are asked to wear masks and maintain social distancing in the playground
- We are still requesting that parents and carers, where possible, send their children in unaccompanied and that they vacate the playground as quickly as possible at the beginning and end of the day
- There are CO2 monitors in the classrooms
- Windows are open to ensure the best air flow we can manage
- All trips have been put on hold

The guidance around testing and self-isolation has changed and there is a separate letter coming from Public Health and the local authority to clearly explain the new guidance. I will forward this to you as soon as we receive it.

Please can I remind you that if your child or children are unwell please inform the office and keep them at home to do either an LFT test or book a PCR test. If you are doing an LFT test, please allow a clear 30 minutes for the test to fully work. Although it is, at times, difficult to book a PCR test many sites do also offer a walk in service. I was luck. I managed to book a PCR slot very quickly for myself, but my husband and daughter both came with me and got tested immediately as walk-ins.

Whilst I cannot guarantee what the situation in school will be over the coming weeks, I can assure you we are doing all we can to continue delivering the best education possible, in an environment that is as safe as we can make it at the current time.

There won't be an additional newsletter this week. I will send you any updates as and when we receive them. I will resume the weekly newsletter next week.

I look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Yours truly

Mrs R A Dove