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Newsletter - 11th June 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It is lovely to be able to enjoy some Summer warmth and sunshine this last term. The Summer term seems to be flying by so quickly. Whilst the children have been enjoying spending time outside, please can you ensure you send your child in with a sunhat, bottle of water and apply sunscreen before school.

Whilst we are still unable to welcome you into the classrooms, we would like to show you a window into the children's learning and have displayed some [photos](#) on our website.

The children had a great time when ZooLab came to visit us on Wednesday and were able to touch/hold the animals they brought in. There are [photos](#) of the visit on our website.

Here is the latest Covid information we have received from Buckinghamshire Council this week.

Children's Viral Infections on the Increase—Covid Testing

Children's respiratory and viral infections are on the increase.

Often a child will present with a temperature or new cough. These infections are usually self-limiting and can be treated at home with symptomatic measures.

The majority of these infections will not be due to COVID-19. However, for the safety of our other patients and staff, we would ask that you have a very low threshold for getting your child a PCR COVID-19 test early on in their illness. A lateral flow test is not sufficient and is not an accurate test for symptomatic children.

If the PCR test is negative but your child remains unwell, your G.P will be able to confidently invite you into the practice for an appointment to be seen.

This will help to keep everyone safe , but in particular will ensure that your child gets the most appropriate care at the right place.

To access a PCR test visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/how-to-do-a-test-at-home-or-at-a-test-site/how-to-do-a-pcr-test/

Covid Update

As you may have seen in the news, over the last week evidence has emerged that the SARS-CoV-2 variant Delta (formerly "India") has overtaken "Alpha" (formerly "Kent") to become the dominant form of COVID-19 both nationally and locally. This finding supports research evidence that Delta is significantly more infectious than Alpha, but importantly COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to still provide effective protection against it. In Buckinghamshire there has been a significant increase in COVID outbreaks in educational settings over the past 2 weeks, mostly caused by the Delta variant. Although no serious illness has been reportedly associated with these outbreaks, there are two major concerns resulting from this trend:

Secondary transmission from outbreaks among young and healthy people may go on to affect those more likely to become severely unwell (i.e. older family members), and School/EYS outbreaks driven by a more infectious variant will lead to significant missed school time for a large number of children and young people who are identified as contacts of confirmed cases.



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In view of this, we have been advised that:

- any planned loosening of in-school precautions should be delayed,
- bubbles should be maintained and kept as small as is practical,
- the whole school community should be reminded of the importance of practicing the principles of 'hands, face, space, fresh air' whenever possible.
- anyone who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccination but has not yet taken up the offer, or who has not taken up their second dose when invited, should be encouraged to do so ASAP,
- and - perhaps most importantly with a more easily transmissible variant - immediate self-isolation by the entire household when any person in the house develops possible COVID-19 symptoms or gets a positive LFD result must be strongly emphasised. There is some evidence that the Delta variant has a shorter incubation period (that is, people may become infectious more quickly after being infected), so if household members wait for PCR confirmation before self-isolating then they could already have unknowingly passed the infection on to non-household contacts and thereby turned a cluster into an outbreak.

Transition Days to the Children's Next Class

This term the children will visit their new class that they will be moving up to next year. On Tuesday 6th July and Tuesday 13th July YR will move up to Y1 and Y1 to Y2. Drop off and pick up times will remain the same.

Our current Y2 children will visit Haddenham Junior School on Tuesday 6th July for their move up day.

We will also be welcoming our new starters for a taster session.

Medication in School

At times we are asked to keep medicine in school to administer to a child during the day. We are only permitted to keep medication that has been prescribed by a doctor. For example, Inhaler, EpiPen, Antibiotics/ Penicillin that require four doses in a day. Parents are required to complete an agreement form to administer these medications.

If a child requires any other medicines we are happy for a parent to come to school to do this during the day. For example, Calpol, hayfever medicines.

Best wishes

Lucy McNeil