

A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 14th January 2022



Dear parents,

I sincerely hope that everyone continues to stay well. The school continues to operate in proverbial 'full swing' and I am happy to report that children appear happy and settled.

I am not sure how many of you are aware of changes relating to self-isolation but I thought that I will draw your attention to the fact that self-isolation period has been reduced to five days.

From the Department of Education (13.01.2022)

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Mrs Webber, our science lead, has some very exciting news. Please click [here](#) for the poster to find out more.

Every week I will be drawing your attention to some useful resources or information relating to safeguarding of children and well-being. I am sure that you will agree with me that these two topics are of particular importance and I urge you to look carefully. Can I please leave it to your discretion whether you will be happy for your child to read the Useful Resources section of the newsletter?

From the school's perspective, regular school attendance is one of the safeguarding protective factors; hence the school always has a duty to seek answers as to why attendance for any child is low (below 95%). I, however, also fully appreciate that during the pandemic absence is sometimes beyond parental control. Nevertheless, regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life so please support the school and your children by ensuring that their absence from school is only when it is absolutely necessary.

I wish you a very happy weekend. Hopefully, the sun will be shining and this always makes things appear so much better!

With warmest wishes

Dorota Milner

Headteacher

Useful Resources (for parents)

Safeguarding:

Please click [here](#) for the Intervention Provision Menu provided by the Buckinghamshire County Council. The document outlines support and intervention services currently available in Buckinghamshire. The document is divided into the following sections:

Domestic and Sexual Abuse	Financial Intervention	Substance Misuse
Early Intervention	SEND	Uniformed Youth Service
Education and Employment	Sexual Health	National Citizen Service
Family Intervention	Mental Health	Bucks Online Directory

Well-being:

Below is the link to Bucks Mind –which I thought you may find useful if yourself or your child experiencing mental health difficulties.

Bucks Mind: We provide [advice and support](#) to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem.

We [campaign](#) to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

We won't give up until everyone experiencing a mental health problem gets support and respect.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/>

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
From Mon 10th Jan	Bring in 5ps for the PTA bottle jars
w/c 17th Jan	All extra-curricular clubs start back
Fri 21st Jan	School nursing team in school for Year 6 height and weight checks
Sat 22th Jan	Cross Country Lowndes Park
Tues 25th Jan	Rocksteady Concert 10-11am
Wed 26th Jan	Year 4 Bench Ball @The Amersham School
Thurs 27th Jan	Cross Country @The Misbourne School (selected children from each year group)
Fri 28th Jan	Yr3 Egyptian Day
Mon 7th Feb	Foodbank Collection
Tues 15th Feb	Next PTA Zoom meeting (evening)
Fri 18th Feb	Break The Rules PTA Day
Wed 2nd March	Yr6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Sat 5th March	Cross Country—venue tbc
Wed 9th March	Bags 2 School
Mon 21st- Fri 25th Mar	Yr6 residential trip to Osmington Bay PGL

Dates for your diary

Close Friday 18th February	3.15pm
Open Monday 28th February	Gates open: 8.35am
Close Friday 8th April	1.30pm

PTA News: Please click [here](#) for the latest newsletter from Woodside PTA



Cedar



Elm



Maple



Willow

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