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Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to let you know that cases of Covid-19 within school have significantly reduced over the last week and we have very few cases across most classes. However, we are still cautious and will be continuing with our emergency outbreak procedures with children working in class bubbles until we feel it is safe to return to normal. We also have restrictions in place at break and lunch to avoid mixing across year groups, as well as stringent cleaning and handwashing/sanitising.

The first part of this newsletter is information about what to do if your child has symptoms or tests positive for Covid and the second part is information about events and activities in school.

The current advice is for anyone with Covid-19 symptoms (**temperature, new or continuous cough, loss of taste/smell**) to isolate and book a PCR as soon as possible. **You do not need to take a PCR test if you have already taken an LFD test which gives a positive result.** The new Omicron variant may also present as a **sore throat, headache, runny nose, sore eyes, tummy ache or vomiting**. **This variant is extremely contagious.**

We are asking you to be particularly vigilant with any symptoms your child may have. If they display any of the above symptoms, **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM INTO SCHOOL**, even if they have had a negative LFD. It can take several days for children to test positive after symptoms appear. We are encouraging parents/carers to do regular LFDs on the children to help identify any asymptomatic cases to help us prevent the spread of Covid-19. Please remember to report LFD results on the government website.

The latest government guidelines surrounding Covid-19 and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

Isolation Periods

The isolation period is still 10 days (the first day is the day after symptoms start or the day after a positive test) but can be reduced to **5 full days** (as long as your child is well enough and without a temperature) and receives **TWO consecutive negative** LFD results which were **taken 24 hours apart**. The earliest they should take the first LFD test is on day 5. Any **positive test** after a first **negative test** would mean that the first negative is **null and void**. Your child would still require 2 consecutive negative tests before returning to school **or** must have completed the full 10 day isolation period. You must register results with the NHS website and email both results to school **BEFORE YOUR CHILD RETURNS TO SCHOOL. TO RETURN ON THE DAY OF A SECOND NEGATIVE TEST, BOTH TESTS WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE 8.45AM.**

Home Learning

We are very concerned about the impact on the children's learning for those unable to come into school. There is work available for them to do on Google classroom when they are well enough. Please support your child to access home learning and get in touch with the office if you need any log in details.

We appreciate the government guidance is constantly changing and can be confusing. If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.



We have lots of exciting activities planned over the coming weeks including visits from a variety of different modes of transport, Shakespeare Week, World Book Day and Virtual Parents Meetings.

Children's Mental Health Week – 7th to 11th February and Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8th February In school we will be continuing to promote children's wellbeing and how to keep ourselves safe online.



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Shakespeare Week - 14th to 18th February The whole school will be looking at Shakespeare and some of his plays. We will be having a visit from the West End Theatre and have many exciting activities planned! We would like to thank FUBS, who are supporting Shakespeare week and kindly funding the theatre visit for us. We will also be promoting reading and running a **Readathon** throughout the week. Information regarding this was emailed out last week and sponsor forms/bookmarks will be sent home with the children tomorrow. Please let the School Office know if you have not received this

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March This year, the theme is **"You are a Reader"**! This completely supports our focus on reading for pleasure in school, and how important it is to be able to read. We will be celebrating World Book Day with a variety of activities and asking every child and adult to come into school dressed as a book character. More information about World Book Day will be sent out on Friday 4th February – this will include details of the World Book Day vouchers which will be sent home just before half term.



Parents Meetings Virtual Tuesday 1st March and Thursday 3rd March We will once again be holding these through Google Meets and using the same system as last term. An email will be sent out on Monday 7th February with an attachment giving you step-by-step instructions on how to book your online virtual parent meeting appointments. If you experience any difficulty with booking an appointment, please contact your child's teacher directly on their school email. (Staff email addresses can be found on our school [website](#) or will be on the email coming out Monday).



Parking outside of school Thank you to all the parents who continue to respect the no parking outside of school on the lines or zones marked. Unfortunately, we have noticed that some cars are beginning to park more on the zigzag lines or pull up to drop off in front of school. These actions put every child at risk of harm and with the incident this week outside of a local school where a child was run over, I would urge all parents to please park where it is safe to do so.

TA Vacancy We are still looking for a Y5/6 teaching assistant to support in school with our older children. This would suit someone who has a childcare qualification or / and has had previous experience of working in a school. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please go to the [West Sussex School Jobs](#) page or contact the School Office and ask for an application pack.

Chartwells Vacancy Our hot school meals provider, Chartwells, are also advertising for a lunchtime assistant to support in delivery of hot meals to the children in school. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please contact Donna.Hosford@compass-group.co.uk

Easter Egg Collection for Great Ormond Street During February and March, a local parent will be collecting Easter eggs for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Any donations, however big or small, will be very much appreciated and go towards making Easter that bit more special for those having to spend Easter in the hospital. Any donations can be placed in the collection box in the foyer next to the School Office. Thank you for your support.



Best wishes
Becky Linford, Head Teacher





Dates for Spring Term 2022

Thu 3 rd Feb	1:00pm KS1 Library Visitors
Thu 3 rd Feb	1:00pm Year 3/4 Zoolab
Fri 4 th Feb	1:00pm Mexico and India Classes Swimming – FIRST SESSION
Mon 7 th Feb to Fri 11 th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 7 th Feb	3:45pm Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
Tue 8 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 11 th Feb	KS1 Tractor Visit
Fri 11 th Feb	1:00pm Mexico and India Classes Swimming
Mon 14 th Feb to Fri 18 th Feb	Focus Week – Shakespeare
Mon 14 th Feb	FUBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale (weather permitting)
Fri 18 th Feb	KS1 Masquerade Dancing
Fri 18 th Feb	1:00pm Mexico and India Classes Swimming
Mon 21 st Feb to Fri 25 th Feb	Half Term Week – School Closed
Tue 1 st Mar	FUBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale (weather permitting)
Tue 1 st Mar	3:30-6:30pm Parent Teacher Virtual Meetings
Thu 3 rd Mar	World Book Day - dress up as a Book Character
Thu 3 rd Mar	3:30-5:30pm Parent Teacher Virtual Meetings
Fri 4 th Mar	1:00pm Mexico and India Classes Swimming
Fri 11 th Mar	1:00pm Mexico and India Classes Swimming
Wed 16 th Mar	2:30pm Residential 2022 Meeting for Parents
Thu 17 th Mar	FUBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale (weather permitting)
Fri 18 th Mar	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Fri 18 th Mar	1:00pm Mexico and India Classes Swimming
Fri 18 th Mar	2:45pm Iceland Class assembly
Tue 22 nd Mar	FUBS Mother's Day Gift Sale
Thu 24 th Mar	KS1 Vintage Bus Visit
Thu 24 th Mar	Voices Together at Chichester Cathedral
Fri 25 th Mar	KS1 Trip to Amberley Museum
Fri 25 th Mar	1:00pm Mexico and India Classes Swimming
Fri 25 th Mar	2:45pm France Class assembly
Tue 29 th Mar	Christ's Hospital Choral Workshop
Thu 31 st Mar	Year 5/6 Trip to Science Museum
Fri 1 st Apr	1:00pm Mexico and India Classes Swimming
Fri 1 st Apr	FUBS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale (weather permitting)
Mon 4 th Apr to Fri 8 th Apr	Year 5/6 Residential Visit to Isle of Wight
Wed 6 th Apr	Reception Fairy Tales Show
Fri 8 th Apr	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 11 th Apr to Fri 22 nd Apr	Easter Break – School Closed



Academic Year 2021 to 2022

Term	Dates
Autumn Term 2021	Starts: Thursday 2 nd September Half Term: Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October Ends: Friday 17 th December Bank Holidays: None INSET Days: Thursday 2 nd September, Friday 3 rd September
Christmas Break	Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January
Spring Term 2022	Starts: Tuesday 4 th January Half Term: Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February Ends: Friday 8 th April INSET Days: None
Easter Break	Monday 11 th April to Friday 22 nd April
Summer Term 2022	Starts: Monday 25 th April Half Term: Monday 30 th May Wednesday 1 st June Ends: Thursday 21 st July Bank Holidays: Monday 2 nd May, Thursday 2 nd June, and Friday 3 rd June INSET Days: Monday 6 th June, Friday 8 th July, Thursday 21 st July

