



24th March 2021—Spring Term—Newsletter 2

We made it!

- The return back to school after the most recent lockdown has, I believe, been much more of a challenge for some of our pupils this time, although many have certainly returned with renewed enthusiasm for learning and school which I hope continues into the year ahead. For some, getting back into the routines, managing with more children in the classroom, a louder working environment with maybe less support than they may have had at home has taken some getting used to but we are so proud of how well all of the children have done and are thankful to have everyone back.
- Over the past week there have been many reflections on the previous year, a year like none of us have experienced before. Despite all the challenges and difficulties we have faced, I couldn't be more thankful to our families for their continued support and for supporting their children throughout this time and I couldn't be prouder of our wonderful children who continue to amaze me with their resilience and determination.
- Many of us are certainly ready for a break and I hope you all manage to enjoy some rest and relaxation with no home schooling in sight! Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 12th April.

COVID REPORTING OVER EASTER AND UPDATED GUIDANCE

Our staff will continue to take Lateral Flow Tests over the Easter break and report these to school and the NHS. If **your** child has symptoms during the break, please do make sure you get them tested with a full PCR test. **If you have a positive case for a child in our school, PLEASE make sure you inform us via the MyEd messaging app.** If this is 48hours or less after we break up from school, we may have to notify staff and children of the need to isolate for 10 days.

There have been some questions locally about testing children during the 10 day isolation period. Regardless of any LFT or PCR test, a child will not be able to return to school for 10 days if they have been identified as a close contact.

Public Health England have recently updated the definition of close contact as it relates to travel. Close contact now includes anyone that has travelled in the same vehicle as the positive case. This applies no matter where the person was sitting in the vehicle or if face coverings are being worn.

Uniform

- We know that many of the children had grown out of shoes and other uniform during the last lockdown.
- Please can we ask that these are replaced ready for the start of the term, ensuring all children are wearing black school shoes, not trainers to school. We will continue to ask children to wear their PE kit to school on PE days and this has been working well.

Feedback on the return to school and parents evening

You will be receiving a link, via our school messaging system to a short survey, allowing you the chance to feedback on remote learning, the return to school and the recent parents evening. The survey will take no longer than a couple of minutes to complete and your feedback is greatly appreciated.