

Whitley & Eggborough



Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised,(following the Government update on Sunday 28th November 2021) I wanted to update you on what we as a school are doing to keep our children and community safe as the number of cases begin to rise- in addition to the arrival of the new variant Omnicron in the country. At the time of writing I am unaware of any reported cases of the new variant in the local vicinity. The current rate of infection in our local area is just below average for the UK. However we currently have 8 current cases within school.

We have also received updated guidance and advice from the Local Authority including an updated risk assessment which is now in place within school. The key points to take from the updated guidance are as follows:-

- The three main symptoms remain the same and should anyone display any of them they should go for a PCR test and isolate until the result is returned as negative.
- If you receive a positive LFT you should isolate for the required 10 days and if possible get confirmation with a PCR test.
- There is no requirement to isolate if you have no symptoms but are in the same household with a positive case, but advice is to get a PCR.
- Face coverings to be worn on the playground and when moving around school by all adults.
- Face coverings should be worn by all adults and children on school transport.
- Increased hand washing and use of sanitizer where possible.
- Increased ventilation - please ensure children are warmly clothed as windows will be open.
- Requirements to change activities and events at a very short notice due to a change in circumstances / cases in school - this includes Panto / Christmas fayre and Nativity for visitors / external visits.

Pantomime: Please see details for Friday



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- Arrive at school between 8:20am and 8:30am with staggered arrivals- KS2 - 8:20am. Both- 8:25am and KS1 8:30am.
- All children will need a water bottle.
- A fruit snack will be provided during the visit
- Lunch will be as usual on our return to school
- Please ensure your child is given any travel sickness medication prior to coming to school - this should last for the return journey.

Christmas Fayre - Thank you for the tombola prizes.

- Gates open for parents at 13:45pm
- Fayre is being held outside - please be aware that cancellation due to weather or covid conditions will be posted on jotter and the website.
- Collect your child from outside their classroom outer door.
- Children may leave school no earlier than 2:30pm with their parent. Please inform your teacher when taking your child home
- Children walking home alone must stay in school until their usual time.
- Masks to be worn by all adults on the playground
- Children going around with a teacher can bring some money to spend.
- If you are unable to attend, your child's handmade item will be reserved for purchase.

PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILD USE THE JUNGLE GYM DURING OR AFTER THE FAIR AS IT WILL NOT BE SUPERVISED BY SCHOOL STAFF. THANK YOU !

At the time of writing, all events will be going ahead but please (as noted earlier) please check your jotter.

Advance notice of dates

3rd December - Whole School Trip to Panto

3rd December - PTA School Christmas Fayre - see above

9th December - KS1 Nativity Performance 9:30am

10th December - Christmas Dinner Day with Christmas Jumper for Save the Children

10th December - Reception 2022 Starters Craft Session

Details of Christmas Parties for children in school to follow.

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