



**This Link Letter contains news, forthcoming events and information,  
helping you to keep in touch with school.**

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## Happy New Year!

Dear all,

*I hope that you are all safe and well. This was not the start to the new year that any of us were hoping for. As you know, we were expecting to be back in school, we were prepared to be back in school, we had our training day ready - and then came the announcement that we were in a further lockdown. We have worked hard re-planning and organising for the remainder of this week and are very grateful for your support and understanding at this time. We have timetabled teaching staff to enable a balance of dedicated days where they will be available to support remote learning and days in school where they will be delivering teaching. School remains closed to most pupils but is very much open for learning in a different way. Whether it is in school for those Key Worker children or at home we are all still here to help. The school office will be manned every day between the hours of 8.30 - 3.30 and staff will be working hard to support learning. We have revised our home learning pages on the school website and are delighted to have already been receiving super work from home via SeeSaw, Tapestry and Class email. We have also been able to share our work in school in the same way. A big difference this time is that the learning planned is designed to be the same both in and out of school. That will support staff and pupils, especially if they are in on some days and not on others. What we have indicated for Monday on the home learning pages will also be taught in school on Monday - this will enable continuity and provide greater opportunities for sharing as the term progresses and we develop our practice. We will keep you updated and informed as things develop.*

*Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. We are happy and keen to help as much as we can.*

*Thank you for your continued support and understanding - I look forward to seeing more of your super work.,*

Mrs. Bye



## **Applying for Primary School Places - September 2021**

Parents of pupils due to start school in September 2021 will need to complete an application to the local authority in which they live. If you live in Leicestershire information can be gained and applications can be made online at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/apply-for-a-primary-school-place> The deadline for completed applications is 15th January 2021. Please do ask if you have any questions or would like any support with this and we will be happy to help. Thank you.

## **Class Bubbles in School**

In school we currently have two bubbles. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are working together and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are working together. This is working well and the children have been positive and engaged. We have very limited space in our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 bubble, with some days being full, so if your circumstances change and you are in need of a Key Worker place please do give us as much notice as possible, and at least by Monday morning of the week before as we plan the staffing in advance. We will always consider an emergency situation but cannot guarantee that we will be able to help if things are already planned. This is to ensure that we are working within our risk assessments to keep everyone as safe as we can. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Cold Weather**

The weather has been very cold of late with icy conditions. If your child is attending school in person please can you ensure that they have warm clothes / layers, coat, hat, gloves. Thank you.

## **Snow - information regarding school closure in the event of severe weather**

As much as we enjoy the snow it can cause difficulties and sometimes this can warrant the closure of the school. Closing the school is our last resort and we will only do so if we cannot get enough staff here to run the school safely for the children. If we do have heavy and significant snow and ice during the night we will check early with staff living in Harby and also those living further away to determine whether they can get to school safely. If enough members of staff are able to get to school safely we will open as normal. It may be that, in exceptional circumstances, we open slightly later to enable staff and parents more time to drive safely. If we make the decision to close or open later we will get an email to you as early as possible in the morning, send a tweet from our Twitter feed and post it on the school website. Radio Leicester will also be informed. Hopefully this won't happen and we can enjoy any snow that we may have at school safely!

## **Coronavirus Updates**

### ***The main symptoms of coronavirus are:***

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

***Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.***

### ***If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:***

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

The NHS website has further information about Test and Trace, People at Higher Risk and Social Distancing. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

It is really important that we take all possible measures to keep ourselves and others safe. We all have our part to play and this includes:

- Ensuring children are well when they come to school each day.
- Keeping school informed about the health of your household.
- Responding quickly to track and trace guidance if we have been notified that we have been in contact with someone who has been confirmed as having coronavirus.
- Keeping school informed on a daily basis of absences and reasons for absence.
- Informing school **immediately** if a member of your household tests positive so that we can offer support to the wider community as needed. ***This can be done over the weekend via email if needed to enable school to put appropriate support in place and close classes in line with guidance if needed.***
- Maintaining social distancing and the use of face coverings when dropping off and picking up at school.
- If you have any questions, please do ask and we will do our very best to support and help you.



We have worked hard in school this week in our different bubbles. Please keep sharing the work you are doing at home too - we enjoy seeing what you have been doing!

***Please remember that we are all here to help and if you have any queries about how things are working or questions about health or illness in relation to Covid do not hesitate to ask.***

***Thank you all for your continued support - have a good weekend!***