



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

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Assembly focus

This week we have been focusing on the character strength of open-mindedness. Open-mindedness is receptiveness to new ideas. Open-mindedness relates to the way in which people approach the views and knowledge of others - without judgement. Being receptive and open to trying new ideas and things - even if they are not what we think we will like - is a really important skill which can feel scary at times and push us out of our comfort zone. We have enjoyed exploring this character strength this week.

Friends of the School Meeting

Our next Friends of the School meeting is on Tuesday 25th January at 7pm. We had hoped to be able to have this in school but, due to the recent increases in Covid cases, we will be having this virtually. We will include all those who requested a link last time to our list but if you would like to join please do contact the school office to request a link - you will be very welcome!

Belvoir Challenge Cakes and Puddings!

Thank you to all the bakers already signed up. We have had some parents, grandparents, school staff and even former pupils joining in! We now have just 445 portions of cake and 286 pudding portions left until we reach our target for the Belvoir Challenge. If you know of any more willing volunteers that might like to get involved in baking, or you feel you could stretch your batch baking skills a little further, please add to our form here! <https://form.jotform.com/220102291119037>

The Warning Zone - Year 5 and 6 Visit

Year 5 and 6 children have an important curriculum visit arranged to the 'Warning Zone' in Leicester which is due to take place on Tuesday 1st February. We very much value the importance of children understanding about their personal safety and how they can minimise risk and this visit will help to address these issues.

The aim of the session at the Warning Zone is to 'foster an understanding of risk, consequence of actions, peer pressure and personal responsibility.' The children will be accompanied by staff from school and we are delighted to let you know that the full cost of this visit is funded by the Belvoir Challenge Funds raised by the Friends of the School. The children will be leaving school slightly earlier than usual for the session and it will last all day so a packed lunch will be needed. A letter with full details will be shared with parents on Monday next week. The Warning Zone has a website should you wish to look at this for any further information - www.warningzone.org.uk

We hope that you will agree that this is a really important curriculum visit for your children - we are looking forward to it!

Warning
ZONE...
LIFE SKILLS CENTRE

Year 5 and 6 Proposed Residential Meeting

We have provisionally booked a residential visit to Scarborough in North Yorkshire for Year 5 and 6 pupils to take place between 23rd - 27th May 2022. We have therefore planned an information sharing meeting on Thursday 27th January at 6pm on TEAMS. The meeting is for all parents of children in Year 5 and 6 to attend - Year 5 and 6 children are welcome too - to discuss the proposed residential. Following this we will then gather expressions of interest from families and make firm plans accordingly. The meeting link will be through your child's Microsoft Teams account - please contact the school office if you would like the log in details re-sending and we will be happy to help. We hope to see you there!

Super Religious Education lessons in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - learning about Islam





It is always exciting to receive post and Year 3 and 4 were very excited to receive bunting from their linked school in Leicester so they could learn about their new school friends. We are looking forward to seeing our school linking projects develop this year in both Years 3/4 and 5/6.

Next week in school

Monday 24th January -

Tuesday 25th January - KS1 Multiskills Club after school

Friends of the School Meeting on Teams at 7pm - everyone welcome!

Wednesday 26th January -

Thursday 27th January - Year 5 and 6 Residential Information Evening on Teams at 6pm

Friday 28th January - KS2 Multiskills Club after school

Dates for the diary:

New / updated dates in red

1st February - Year 5/6 visit to The Warning Zone in Leicester

2nd February - Year 5/6 visit to see Mary Poppins at Belvoir Priory Academy

8th February - Internet Safety Day - activities in school

10th February - Full Governing Body Meeting

11th February - School closes for half term

21st February - School opens

26th February - Belvoir Challenge

2nd March - Special Roman Workshop in school for children in Year 3/4

9th March - Year 2 Inspire+ Teamwork Session

16th March - Year 3/4 Inspire+ Teamwork Session

8th April - School closes for the Easter holiday

25th April - School opens for the summer term

2nd May - May Day Bank Holiday - school closed

3rd May - KS1 (Year 2) SATs window begins - further details to follow

9th May - KS2 (Year 6) SATs week begins - further details to follow

23rd May - Proposed Year 5/6 Residential

27th May - School closes for half term

Coronavirus Information - Updated 14.1.22

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. If anyone has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test.
- You should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test.

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- You're fully vaccinated - this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- You're under 18 years, 6 months old
- You're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Children and young people who attend an education or childcare setting, and who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend their setting as normal unless they have symptoms or test positive.

Close contacts are no longer being asked to get a PCR test, instead they are being asked to take a daily LFD for 7 days. This means for children (under the age of 18 years, 6 months) and vaccinated adults that come into contact with a positive case they should not be getting a PCR, but instead perform daily LFDs for 7 days.

Confirmatory PCR tests - Updated Guidance: Following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result confirmatory PCR tests are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the result is positive, they do not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

Isolation Rules - Updated Guidance:

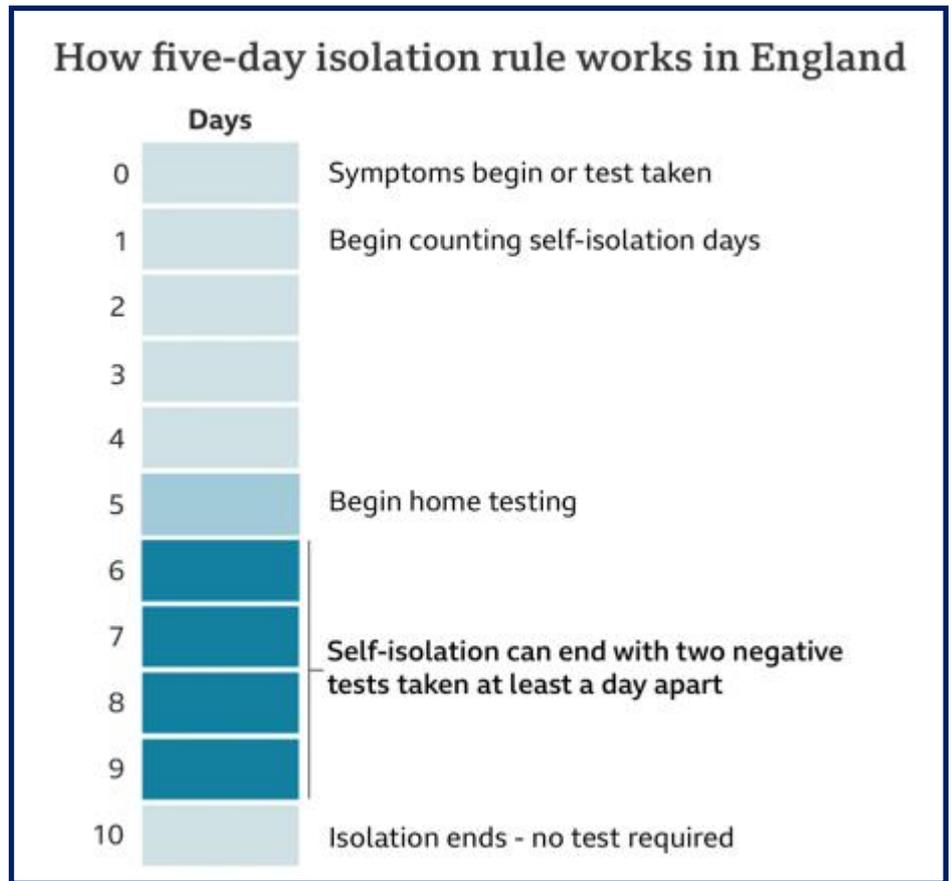
People self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature, **from Monday, 17th January**. (They can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.) Points to note are:

- Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had two consecutive negative tests taken on separate days.
- 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 - 24 hours apart.
- If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation.
- It is essential that 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and reported (to NHS Test and Trace) before individuals return to their job or education, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 10-day period.
- The default self-isolation period continues to be 10 days, and you may only leave self-isolation early if you have taken 2 rapid lateral flow tests and do not have a temperature in line with guidance.

This diagram may be helpful in determining when self isolation can end.

The NHS website has further information about Covid which may be of help.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



It is really important that we still take 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.
- Following NHS track and trace guidance if we have been notified that we are a close contact of someone who has been confirmed as having coronavirus.
- Keeping school informed on a daily basis of absences and reasons for absence.
- Maintaining good hygiene
- Following guidance about the length of the isolation period

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.

