



Newsletter

16th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class Performances

A link will be uploaded to our Twitter account and website as soon as the video has been edited. This link will direct you to the children's In Harmony Performances. We hope you enjoy the show! The reception classes' performance has been uploaded to Seesaw.

Dates

The last school day of 2021 is Thursday 16th December 2021

The school site reopens to pupils on Tuesday 4th January 2022

COVID-19 updates to the Risk Assessment

- The UK Health Agency has produced a poster about how a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 can reduce the spread of corona with the people they live with. This poster is on the school's website.
- All persons likely to come onto the school grounds must not attend if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, if they are self-isolating or if they are required to quarantine.
- If parents wish to speak to teachers this must take place outside or by telephone. If parents need to enter the building they will be asked to take an LFD test before entering the school building.

Changes to the Isolation Guidelines

Close contacts are exempt from self-isolation if they are:

- Under the age of 18 year and 6 months, or
- Fully vaccinated (over 2 weeks ago), or
- Have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial, or
- Are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However, if exempt persons are identified as a close contact by NHS Test & Trace, they should...

- Take an LFD test (before they leave the household for the first time every day for 7 days, or until 10 days since their last contact with the person who tested positive for Covid-19 if this is earlier. Results should be reported via the Online Reporting System and to the school setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend school. This approach should be adopted on return in January.



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- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.
- Parents of primary age children who have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case by Test & Trace should access test kits from community test sites and/or local pharmacies.

Also...

Devices - Since positive cases of the Omicron variant are increasing we have asked all parents and carers to let school know if, in the case of another lockdown, your child would need access to a home-learning device. If the answer is 'yes', email secretary@newbewerley.org.uk

Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2022

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy your break and see you back at school on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

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