

**L** lifelong learning  
**U** understanding the needs of everyone  
**D** developing ourselves to reach our full potential  
**W** working together  
**O** organising  
**R** respecting one another  
**T** team work  
**H** helping one other



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## Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all! Let's hope that 2022 sees the end of the pandemic and a return to something like normal life. It has been a very tough two years for us all, but we feel optimistic for the future as we welcome everyone back to school after our Christmas break. Please see some messages and reminders below.

### Attendance

It is so important that children attend school as often as they possibly can. They have had a lot of disruption to their learning over the past two years, and so we need them to be in school as often as possible to continue to make good progress and achieve their potential. **If your child is too unwell to attend school, please contact the school office by 9 am on the first day that they will be absent and then again on all following days to advise us of continued absence and when they will return to school.** If you do not do this, then your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised, which could result in action taken by the Local Authority, including fines.

### Covid

You all received a letter in December about the updated procedures for Covid. Please see below for reminders:

- If someone in your household has Covid, your child can continue to attend school. If they are aged 5 or over, we ask that they take Lateral Flow Tests every day for seven days, as per government guidance. If they are under five, they can continue to attend school, however, the government advises that they take a PCR test. They do not have to isolate whilst awaiting the results of this test.
- If children test positive for Covid on a Lateral Flow Device and have no symptoms, then they do not need a PCR test, but they do need to isolate. From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January this has been reduced to 5 days. You can test on day 5 and day 6, if both of the tests are negative, then they can return to school on day 6. If they are not negative, then you can continue to test your child until they get two consecutive negative tests or reach day 10 of isolation. At either point they can then return to school.
- If your child has Covid symptoms, then they are strongly advised to get a PCR test and follow isolation guidance as above. If for some reason they have already taken a lateral flow test and this is positive then they do not have to follow up with a PCR, however, please report the result to the NHS [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test)
- If you have Covid and cannot get your child to school because you have no one to pick them up or drop them off, please contact school and we will provide work to do at home.

The situation is ever changing and I know that it can seem very complicated! If you have any questions or are unsure of what to do around positive test, please contact the school for advice. We'll help if we possibly can!

It is very unlikely that there will be another national lockdown, however, there may be occasions when staff shortages mean we possibly have to return to remote learning for short periods.

Thank you to all parents who came to school before Christmas to enjoy our Christmas Lumiere. We are very proud of the children's (and staff's!) hard work and we hope you enjoyed the event. Your support is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Mrs J Sones

**Executive Head Teacher**



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