Greenmount Primary School

6th January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have all had a lovely break and managed to spend time with family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school and the term has got off to a good start.

Bagel Bar

Our new Bagel Bar was very popular this morning and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying a bagel before they started their school day with a full stomach. Due to the high demand, we have decided to open the gate just a few minutes earlier than the start of the school day to allow children time to collect a bagel and take it to class with them. We had hoped children would be able to sit in the Greenhouse to eat their bagel's although there were far too many children to allow this to happen. This will also allow as many children as possible to have breakfast before learning starts.

Covid-19 update

I'm sure many of you are aware of the ever-changing guidance around symptoms, testing and isolation but I have provided an overview for your information.

The three main symptoms of covid-19 remain the same: a high temperature of 37.8 degrees or above, a new and persistent cough and/or a loss of smell and taste. In addition to this the British Medical Journal has published a list of typical symptoms associated with the Omicron variant. These are: a runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, headache and fatigue. Whilst any or all of the above could well just be a common cold, it would be wise to play on the safe side, test more regularly using Lateral Flow Tests (https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).

From 11th January under the new guidance released yesterday, anyone in England who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result should report their result on gov.uk and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test. **This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.** After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced.

Rules on Self-isolation:

Self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days. Individuals may now take LF tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results on these days are no longer

required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and children may return to school.

Anyone who is unable to take the LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Children who have come into contact with someone with coronavirus, whilst not needing to isolate, to attend school should take a daily LFT for 7 days and self-isolate if positive. For full details please refer to the following website:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidancefor-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

Please inform school of any absences relating to covid-19 and we can ensure class teachers communicate with you regarding remote learning. Please contact school if you do not have **log in details for Seesaw** and your child's class teacher will contact you.

We really appreciate your support throughout these challenging times and thank you in helping to keep our school community safe.

If you have any questions or problems, then please contact the school office and we will be more than happy to help you.

Kind regards,

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