



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have seen a **significant increase in COVID-19 positive cases** amongst our pupils. Each time there is a new positive result in your child's class or year group we will send out an information letter encouraging you to test regularly using LFD tests if you are able to get hold of them. Here is a link where you can order them online: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please be aware that in many of our recent cases the children have had **other symptoms such as an upset stomach, headaches, stomach ache or heavy colds**, instead of, or in addition to, the usual symptoms.

We have chosen to consider anyone in the class or year group a 'close contact' as we cannot guarantee that your child has not had contact as they work and socialise so closely together.

Please try to test your child regularly, several times a week if possible, especially if they are feeling under the weather, and keep the school informed of any positive results.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Miss Symonds

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if your child tests negative on the morning of day 5 AND the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following morning of day 6. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of the LFD tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Assembly Focus

Every day the children have assemblies that are aimed at developing their understanding of the wider world, sharing our core values, and encouraging self-reflection. Next week we are concentrating on our core value of Aspiration, as we consider the importance of making the most of every opportunity.



Morning Snacks

We can allow:

- Any fresh fruit
- Dried fruit eg raisins, apricots, etc
- Vegetables eg carrots, peppers, mini tomatoes
- Fruit alternatives such as fruit winders
- Breadsticks
- Small cheese portion eg Babybel



If your child gets hungry, they are able to bring a couple of the above items. Unfortunately, they will not be allowed to eat crisps, sandwiches or other items not on the above list from their packed lunch boxes.

PLEASE REMEMBER: We are a **NUT-FREE site** as we have some children with serious nut allergies.

PTFA Update:

Please watch out for the Zoom information regarding our first meeting of the year next week on 19/1/2022.
Looking forward to planning some more great events in 2022.