



# Nunnery Wood Primary School



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children and staff have been busy celebrating Christmas. They have decorated their classrooms, made cards and paperchains as well as decorate the hall with our Christmas banners. The children in Oak and Willow are busy practising for their virtual Nativity production. Key Stage 2 children have worked together to create a performance of "Twas the night before Christmas" which will be shared later today. The children in Years 2 and 1 are busy creating a Christmas celebration event to share with parents.

## **EDUCATION SETTINGS COVID REPORTING: CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY 2020/21**

**The steps outlined below are from Public Health Worcester and WCF which schools have been advised to follow during the Christmas break.**

KEY MESSAGES FOR PARENTS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Further to my previous newsletters please email [safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk) to report a positive Covid case. Please ensure you include:

1. Child's full name
2. Class
3. Date that the symptoms started
4. Date of the test result
5. Last day that your child was in school
6. Your contact details

This email account will be checked daily on-

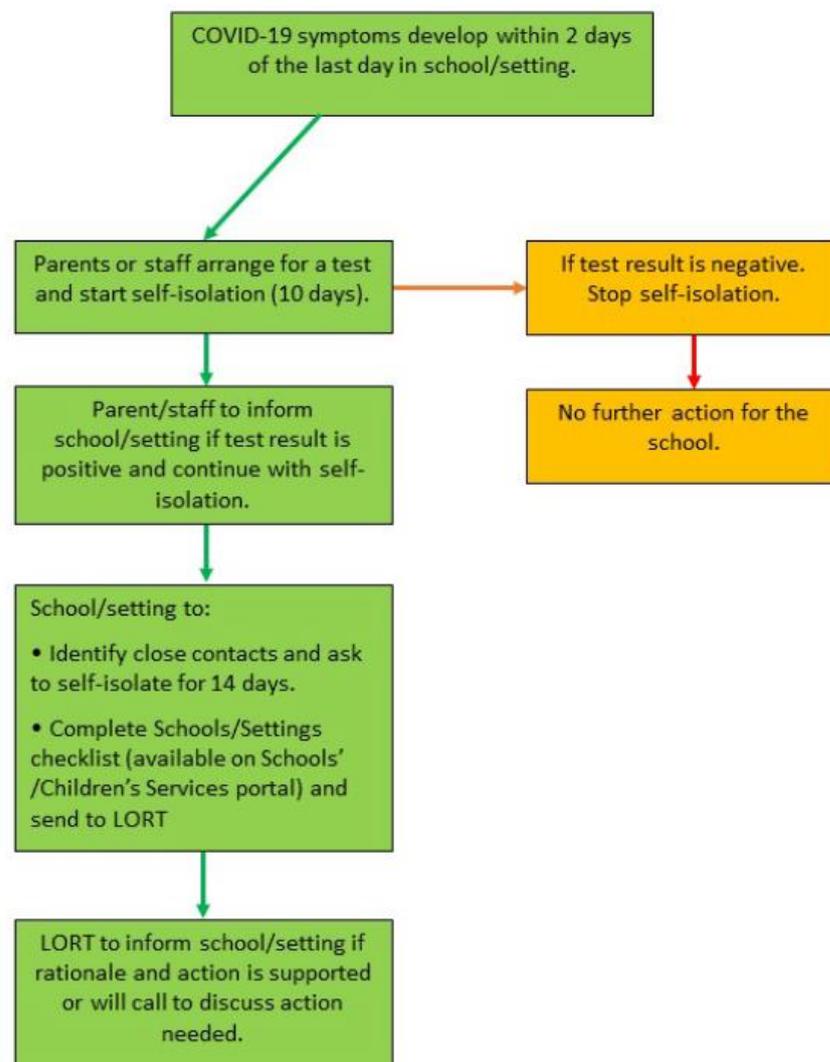
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

• **Parents of children** who are symptomatic on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Dec should arrange for an immediate test. <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition>

• **Parents** whose children have COVID-19 **symptoms starting on 19th or 20th December** must inform immediately the school via [safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk) email account. If the child has a subsequent positive test result date up to and including 25th December 2020 please email the above account.

• **Parents of children** who develop COVID-19 symptoms and test positive on or **after 00.01hrs on Monday 21st** December **will not need to inform the school** but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service (CTS).

Educational Settings (EY Settings, Schools and Colleges): Christmas 2020 Flow chart



• **Children** who need to continue their self-isolation into the new term should inform the school of their absence in the usual way. **Please contact the school office email account to confirm why your child/children hasn't/haven't returned to school.** Under no circumstances should **children** return to school if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms (however minor) or are **unwell in any other way** or self-isolating.

## **SCHOOL EVENTS NEXT WEEK**

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Wear your Pyjamas to school. All donations to charity via your 'ParentPay' account.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:**

Oak, Willow, Cherry, Chestnut, Apple & Aspen PARTY DAY

These children can all wear party clothes. Key Stage 2 children wear usual school uniform.

Parents of Key Stage 1 children can order a Christmas lunch via Aspens - link is via our website.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Spruce, Sycamore, Lime, Lilac, Maple, Mulberry, Holly & Hazel PARTY DAY

Key Stage 2 children can all wear party clothes. Key Stage 1 children wear usual school uniform.

### **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term

Christmas Jumper day! This event has been organised by Mrs Wheeler. Wear your Christmas Jumper to school, all donations to charity via your 'ParentPay' account.

## **PARENTS EVENINGS**

Thank you to everyone who attended the video parents evenings. Although there were a few technical issues, everything else seemed to have worked well.

## **SEVERE WEATHER 2021**

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. There are a number of factors that are taken into consideration, but ultimately it is the safety of the children which is paramount, and having the appropriate staff ratios is essential. In the event of severe weather, especially significant falls of snow, there are four sources of information for parents to find out about whether the school will be closed;

1. There will be a text message sent to all parents on our database, informing them of a school closure. Therefore, it is vital that the school has your current mobile telephone number.
2. An email via parent pay.
3. The school website will be updated in the event of a school closure due to bad weather. The information will be displayed in the scrolling message on the homepage.
4. Parents can listen to the local radio stations BBC Hereford and Worcester (104.0 FM) and Free Radio (102.0 FM), who announce all the schools that have closed. This is not particularly helpful because there can be a long delay between the school phoning the information into the station and them announcing it. However, we will continue to announce any closures through this method in case you do not have access to the website.
5. School closures are also publicised on the County Council website:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk>

6. We will also Tweet from the school Twitter account @NunneryWoodPS

Always assume the school is open, unless you are informed otherwise by the methods above.

## STAFFING UPDATE

Sadly, Miss Yve Coleman who has been a valued member of staff for eight years - will be leaving us at the end of term to support her family. We wish her all the best.

## FSM

Vouchers have been ordered for children on Free School Meals (**not Years R-1 Universal Free School Meals**) for the school holidays. Like the lockdown procedure, they have been ordered to be sent directly to your email account. You will receive two £15 vouchers over the Christmas break.

## BACK TO SCHOOL 2021

Children will be returning **back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** as the school is closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January for a Teacher Training day.

Finally, as we come to the end of unforgettable year which has been challenging for us all, thank you for your continued support throughout these difficult times.

I hope you all manage to have a fabulous Christmas holiday and enjoy time with your families.



Merry Christmas and a *Happy New Year*

Best wishes,

Mrs Rachel Higgins and the Nunnery Wood Primary Team.

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