



# Nunnery Wood Primary School



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents/Carers

It is strange to think that we are only few days away from the half term break and the majority of pupils have still not returned from the Christmas Holidays, let's all hope that it won't be too many weeks before we are all back in school. Thank you to all the children and parents who have worked tremendously hard supporting our remote learning. It is great to see so many children engaging with google classroom or via zoom.

I appreciate it has been a very difficult half-term for many but hopefully there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are all aware that there will be an announcement from the Government (a roadmap) on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. As soon as I am able, I will share our plans following the announcement. The updated school guidance will inevitably follow the announcement, ensuring all schools reopen with the most up to date guidance and information.

## **REPORTING COVID-19 POSITIVE RESULTS: February 2021, HALF-TERM**

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing for those pupils and staff who continue to attend our keyworker/vulnerable learner bubbles. Public Health England (PHE) recognise the challenges of this responsibility during holidays but as a school we have systems in place to support the track and trace process. This remains vitally important in the continued national effort to limit the spread of the virus.

Children and/or staff who attended school who have a confirmed positive test result for COVID-19, having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February or Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February** must report the result to school. As a school we have to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Therefore, may I respectfully remind you to email [safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk) to report a positive Covid-19 test result? 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

**Prestwich Avenue, Worcester, WR5 1QE**

**Tel/Fax: 01905 354154**

E-mail: [office@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk)

Website: [www.nunnerywoodprimary.co.uk](http://www.nunnerywoodprimary.co.uk)

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This email account will be checked daily on-

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

- **Parents of children** who are symptomatic on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb & 14<sup>th</sup> Feb should arrange for an immediate test.
- **Parents of children** who develop COVID-19 symptoms and test positive on or **after 00.00hrs Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February** will **not need to inform the school** but are required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service.
- **Children** who need to continue their self-isolation into the new half-term, should inform the school of their absence in the usual way if they are in a year keyworker bubble.  
**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.

## STAFFING UPDATE

As many of you are aware Mrs. Wiginton is pregnant and her baby is due mid-May. I am delighted to inform you that we have successfully appointed Mr. Luke Hill who is an experienced teacher who is currently working in Worcestershire. Mr. Hill will officially start work on 19<sup>th</sup> April (after the Easter holidays). Mr. Hill and Mrs. Wiginton are currently planning some form of transition which is currently hindered due to the National Lockdown and our COVID-19 risk assessments. Further details to follow. In the meantime, Mrs. Wiginton will be sending a short 'hello' video from Mr Hill to the children in Apple Class via 'parentpay'.

## READY STEADY WORCESTERSHIRE

Ready Steady Worcestershire provides information about food, activities and support available to families during the school holidays.

We recognise some families find it difficult to feed their children during the school holidays. By clicking the interactive map link, you can find organisations in your local area that can provide families with either food items to cook a meal at home or prepared meals for children during the school holiday period.

We also recognise that when children do not have the structure and routine provided by being in school, keeping children active and entertained can prove difficult. The interactive map shows activities taking place in local communities during the school holidays. The webpage also contains lots of activity ideas which can be done at home, particularly useful if the family is self-isolating.

School holidays can be a demanding time for parents financially, as well as in terms of managing household stress, relationships and mental wellbeing. Included on the website there are lots of help, ideas and support available for families to make the most of the extra time together and to ensure children are ready to go back to school.

For more information visit: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs)

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## **Here2Help**

A reminder that Here2Help is here for families self-isolating and unable to get support from friends, family or neighbours. We are recommending that in the event of families needing to self-isolate that settings and schools provide these contact details for any additional support a family may benefit from.

On the Here2Help website families can find resources to help with staying at home during Coronavirus as well as an online form they can fill out to request the support they need.

If the family does not have internet access, they can call 01905 768053 which is open Monday to Thursday, 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4.30pm.

Here2Help will signpost callers to up to date advice and arrange volunteer support where required to help those who are unable to leave their homes as a result of needing to self-isolate.

The types of support available include:

- Collecting and delivering food and supplies
- Arranging emergency food support
- Help collecting prescriptions
- Help with other commitments such as pet needs
- Support for those who are feeling isolated
- Advice around money, benefits and debt

For more information visit: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help)

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Vouchers for half term have been ordered via the Worcestershire County Council Edenred site. For those children who are entitled to FSM their voucher will come direct to their parents email account.

Take care and stay safe.

School reopens for Keyworkers and Vulnerable children on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Kind Regards

Mrs Higgins & The NWPS Team.

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