



# Nunnery Wood Primary School



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed a restful half term break and managed to have some valuable family time.

You are all aware that the Government has removed all domestic restrictions and outlined the next phase of the Government's COVID-19 response. The virus has by no means disappeared but the government have provided new guidance on 'Living with COVID-19'.

As a result of this announcement, we have reviewed our processes and updated our risk assessments. There are still cases of COVID-19 in our community so it is important that we all continue to be vigilant in order to continue to support everyone, especially the most vulnerable.

The Government has provided updated guidance for schools, and in accordance with this, the school will continue with some control measures which include:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

Current public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID19 has also changed. The key messages are;

- Staff and pupils are no longer required to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.
- Fully vaccinated adults and those aged under 18 who are close contacts are no longer advised to test daily for seven days and the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate has been removed.
- The legal requirement to self-isolate has ended.

Unfortunately, some of the guidance contradicts itself as the Government are still advising people/children who test positive to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days. Therefore, to support everyone if your child tests positive please advise the school.

As a school we will continue to record school attendance and monitor any cases in school. So, remember to inform us if your child/ren is/are experiencing symptoms or has/have tested positive.

Throughout this pandemic I have been very proud of the resilience and determination the children and their families have shown in overcoming the daily/weekly challenges that we were all presented with.

I am extremely hopeful that as a school we can move back to pre-pandemic activities that will enable parents to see us at work and enhance us working in partnership.

Yesterday we sent out via email a letter about booking a 'face to face' parents' consultation appointments. The staff and I are very much looking forward to seeing you all again and sharing the children's work.

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## School Day - From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

With restrictions now being scaled back, we would like all children to be dropped off to start school at 8.35 am each day. We will no longer be extending our start time, so please ensure that children are ready to enter their classrooms at 8.35am to settle and start their learning promptly. There will be the usual bell at 8.35am to mark the start of the day and an additional bell at 8.40am to mark the time for Oak and Willow to open their doors as well as the rest of the school to take their registers.

## Staffing update

- Congratulations to Mrs. Sam Marshall and her husband who are expecting their first child later in the summer.
- Following her maternity leave, Mrs. Jess Wiginton will be returning to work, week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March. She will job-share with Miss. Polly Anderson in Maple Class.
- Mrs. Charlotte Way has decided to retire at the end of April. Mrs. Way has been a trusted and valued member of staff for nearly 20 years. She has been an amazing member of the Early Years team supporting our youngest children with 'their transition into 'Big School''. Happy Retirement! In May it will be time to kick back and enjoy. You will have earned it!

## Art project

As you are aware Mrs Cottrill has been receiving treatment for cancer this year. Her brother, Rich Long, has completed a 'Rich Paints it Pink' 24-hour challenge for Worcestershire Breast Haven. Our original plan was to complete our art project the same week but unfortunately COVID-19 impacted on this. At Christmas we supported this charity and your donation to our 'pink buckets' raised over £300. Thank you for your generosity. We will be completing our own art project week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> April which will involve all children and staff.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April we will be holding a 'Wear it Pink' day to launch the project when children and families will be able to donate to support Mrs Cottrill's brothers fundraising page. We are also hoping to have a representative from Worcestershire Breast Haven to deliver an assembly about the work they do to support families. During the week we will be creating a collaborative piece of art work which will be displayed throughout the school.

## DRIVING/PARKING CONCERNS: A Near Miss – Nunnery Lane/Hazewood Close

I appreciate that parking is challenging at drop off and picking up times. It really requires everyone to work together to make it safer for all the children and parents. However, today, I have received a message from a parent that there was a near miss with a child which is extremely concerning and upsetting for all parties involved. I know all parents would be upset and shocked that potentially there could have been a serious accident involving a child arriving at school.

I'm sure parents will support me when I ask you all:

- to drive and park safely around the school and surrounding areas;
- to think before you block one of the schools' neighbour's driveways;
- not use the school driveway unless you have permission;
- not park on yellow lines around the school (they are there for a reason);
- refrain from parking on the grass verges;
- report any careless driving/parking to the local Community Support Officer (0300 333 3000).

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We are in regular contact with the CSO regarding this issue; please report any incidents of dangerous driving/parking to the school with the registration numbers of the cars and photographs if possible (you can email these to [office@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk)). We will then pass these to the CSO who will contact the drivers directly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who do take the time to drive and park safely and considerately and assure you that we are doing all we can to keep your children safe. Please make our streets safe for all our children. Thank you for your continued support.

## Date for your diary:

**OPEN MORNING** for all parents with children in Year 1 to Year 6.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 9am-10.15am Personal Social Health Education 'Changing Me' & mental health activities.

Further details to follow.

*Please note Oak and Willow are doing a separate event for parents.*

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