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“Once you learn to read you will be forever free” Anon.

A New Norm?.....not necessarily!

Since I last wrote about the school returning to a new normal, some elements have clearly changed again!

I suspect we have the same information as you about the new variant, but listed below are the salient points for you to reflect on:

- The new variant has been found in our community but we are talking about single figures. This careful approach is about keeping the figures that low.
- Early evidence is suggesting that younger adults and children can be the main carriers.
- To help reduce the spread of the new variant we have been told that **ANY CHILD DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS AROUND HAVING A COLD SHOULD HAVE A PCR TEST.**
- We fully understand the frustration this can create, clearly there are many colds and coughs doing the rounds at the moment, but I am sure you would agree, that it is better to be careful than to risk the alternative.
- Lateral Flow tests are good if you have no symptoms but if your child is displaying any symptom such as a cough, sore throat, temperature or sickness, then they must have a PCR test.
- There is still a question mark over the effectiveness of Lateral Flow Tests with the very young. So this is another reason why PCR might be best if you have any concerns.
- Always choose to go to a testing station rather than a postal test, as you may get your results back the same day or within 24 hours.
- **Frustratingly for both you and the staff we are having to send numerous pupils home daily, as the children are displaying symptoms but they still are being sent to school. Get them tested and if negative they can immediately return.**

You may be aware that there are plans for schools to be involved in distributing PCR tests. At the time of going to be press we have not received definitive information but as soon as we do we will pass the information on.

So please keep checking your Parent Mail.



GOLD AWARD

Carry On Reading Wembooks@Wembrook

We hope you can support your child with reading throughout the half term break.



Please continue to watch the crowding around the gates at the end of the day.

The new Mrs or Mr Hinch?

We are looking to appoint a cleaner ASAP to join our close knit team who all work together keeping our school clean. This appointment is for 9 hours and 45 minutes per week, starting at 3.20pm and finishing at 5.15pm Monday– Friday.

The work is term time only with some holiday cleaning.



The successful candidate will work under the direction of the school caretaker and you will be expected to keep your designated areas of the school clean. You will need to be flexible and having a good sense of humour definitely helps!

Experience is not essential but would be an advantage. Training will be given to the successful candidate.

We understand the pay should not affect anyone receiving benefits. The applicant, if successful will need to be police checked.

If you are interested in the post, please contact the office in the first instance.

Closing date extended to Monday 7th June 2021, 9:00am.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June (inclusive)	Half Term
Friday 25th June	INSET day. School closed for pupils
Monday 5th July	INSET day. School closed for pupils
Wednesday 21st July	End of the Summer Term

Please note that school finishes in the summer term on a Wednesday this year.

Socially Distancing and Wearing a Mask ?

The reduction in the staggered day is partly an attempt to reduce the number of parents who are waiting for their children outside the classrooms. Please try to ensure that you are socially distancing while you are waiting and please, for all our sakes, **WEAR A MASK**. Thank you.