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Believe and Achieve

Covid Refresh

We had hoped that newsletters focusing on Covid were a thing of the past, sadly this seems not to be the case. Public Health are informing us that the next few weeks are going to be critical. The more we do as a collective, the less impact there will hopefully be on our children. Please read and keep this newsletter so you can refer back if required.

The most recent data for Nuneaton (2/1/2022) was 2100 positive cases per 100,000 people. It is presently doubling every one and half days! We all need to be extremely careful.

- Please, please, please wear a mask if coming onto the school site.
- Only visit the office in an emergency, please try to either ring or email. Details above.
- The Omicron Variant is extremely transmissible. In addition the symptoms can seem more cold like. If your child is showing any symptoms, please get them to have a LFT test. Although we are aware that there are some supply issues, I am told that if you are persistent they can be found.
- Clearly a PCR test is more definitive and **will be required** if your child has the numerous symptoms that we have become familiar to; high temperature, cough, etc.
- If you have a positive case in the family it may be wise to keep pupils off. We are happy to have those individual conversations with you, if this is the case.
- **If your child tests positive then the self isolation period has changed:**
 1. The day they first show symptoms or test positive is Day 0
 2. Pupils then self isolate from Day 1 to Day 5
 3. On Day 6 and Day 7 pupils should LFT. As long as both tests are negative they can then return, on Day 7 if the test was taken first thing. Or if the test is taken later in the day, on Day 8. Pupils cannot return if they still have a high temperature. Children should still self isolate on Day 6, even if the test is negative.
 4. If one or both of the Day 6/7 tests are positive children should remain at home until they have 2 tests taken which are negative. They need to be taken 24 hours apart. Alternatively they can return to school on Day 11, whichever comes first.



Covid Refresh (continued)

- If pupils are self isolating then we will endeavour to supply work for home, however, we appreciate that if the child is positive they may not be well enough to complete any work.
- *The school is committed to staying open. You may be aware that we only had to close down one fulltime class for three days during the whole of last term. We believe this is significantly lower than the majority of Nuneaton schools. However, we are fully aware that this term may be different. Today we have 12 members of staff off!*
- *Please think about what you would do if your child's class was having to work from home. If this is the case we would endeavour to give you as much time as possible to make plans and would hope that we could keep the days as limited as possible. However, as I am sure you appreciate this may be beyond our control!*
- *Please check your Parent mail regularly, especially in the evening and first thing every morning.*
- *If children are having to be at home, work will be provided, although depending on circumstances it may not be immediately.*

As is the Wembrook Way we have attempted to anticipate various scenarios during our first weeks back. We sincerely hope the best scenario is one where all pupils and

School Photographs

The school photographers are in school on Tuesday 11th January, **next Tuesday** . The photographers will be in school from 8.30am onwards, to take individual and family portraits.

If parents want family photographs with younger siblings who are not yet of school age, then they need to book on The Parent Mail Form that was sent earlier in the week. Once you have expressed an interest in having your younger children's photographs taken, you will then be allocated a time to attend, with instructions about where to wait.

Please be aware that if you have not been allocated a time to attend, then you will not be able to turn up on the day.

We anticipate that we will not be able to cater for all younger siblings, so all requests will be treated on a first come, first served basis.

If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please make office staff aware of this.

Wear a Mask on School Property

We strongly request that all parents and visitors to Wembrook grounds and building wear a mask. Thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated.

