



Wednesday 5th January 2022

A very Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term 2022. I hope that you have all had a peaceful and safe festive season. We are happy to say we have had a calm start in school today with the children settling back into the school routines and expectations quickly.

The latest COVID-19 guidance has been updated since we were last in school and I wish to draw your attention to the following:

If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 they should take a PCR test and self-isolate until a negative result has been received.

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information, including examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms, is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Close Contact of a positive case: ANY variant.

If your child is between 5 and 18 years and 6 months and is identified by the NHS as a close contact of someone who is positive, they will not have to self-isolate, but should take LFD tests every day for 7 days from the point of contact.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries at: officecheriton@thelink.academy

Best wishes,

Robin Scott

Academy Head

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Reading—Accelerated Reader

We have 2 different reading systems in operation at school. First, the children access our banded books, which support children in building confidence in their phonetical segmenting and blending skills. The books the children bring home are carefully selected by the adults and match the phonemes, digraphs or trigraphs that are being taught on that day or week.

Once the children become more confident in the mechanics of reading they move onto choosing books within the second system; Accelerated Reader. This system focuses on developing the children's comprehension skills and requires the children to be able to read with fluency, so they are able to follow the narrative and answer related comprehension questions.

We have developed the way in which we use this system in school and would like to share more about it with you. Therefore, we would like to invite any and all members of our community who read with the children to join an online Q and A session.

6pm Tuesday 11th January 2022.

Please see Mr Scott if you would like to be emailed an invite.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

After School Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to these. Miss Lavin-Ford, Miss Fletcher and Mr Luxa are looking forward to starting this week. There is still space in some clubs if you have not yet had the chance to book, please speak to Mrs McCracken.

Next half term we will change the activities on offer.

PE Days and Welly Walks

We are still asking our school age children to come into school in their PE clothes (as well as extra layers whilst it is so cold!).

Pre-School—Monday Yoga. Tuesday Welly Walk

Class 1— PE Mondays and Fridays. Welly Walk Tuesdays.

Class 2—PE Tuesday and Fridays

Class 3— PE Thursdays and Fridays

Class 4—PE Thursdays and Fridays

Dates

05.01.22 First Day of Spring Term

**11.01.22 Accelerated Reader Online
Q and A session**

**25.01.22 Re-scheduled Flu
Immunisation**

25.01.22 Parent Forum—2.00pm

07-13.02.22 Mental Health Week

08.02.22 Safer Internet Day

17.02.22 Cross County Event

21-25.02.22 February Half Term

03.03.22 World Book Day

18.03.22 Red Nose Day

01.03.22 Reports Out Y1-Y6

08.04.22 Easter Assembly 9.30am

08.04.22 End of Spring Term