



Weekly Newsletter - 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back.

It has not been the easiest of returns with lots of staff and children absent but I know that we are all pleased that we have been able to come back to face to face teaching and learning.

The Covid guidance seems to change so much that it is hard to keep up with but this is a short overview of changes that impact on children in primary school:

Close contacts of COVID-19

If a family member has tested positive, children are allowed into school as long as they have tested negative (on a PCR or a lateral flow) and have no symptoms. The expectation is that they are tested every day for 7 days. If they test positive within that time then they must isolate and not come to school.

I know that it has been difficult to get testing kits and I am grateful to those of you who have kept your children at home until you have been able to test them.

Changes to isolation period

If children have symptoms, do not send them into the school unless they have had a negative test. It is advisable to re-test a couple of days later as well.

The day symptoms start is classed as day 0. If they test positive without symptoms, the day of the positive test is day 0.

If they have tested positive they will need to be tested and can return to school on day 8 but only if they have tested negative on day 6 **and** 7. If they continue to test positive they must isolate for 10 days and then return.

For the next couple of weeks we will be returning to virtual assemblies as we know that numbers will be particularly high due to the holidays. Hopefully, this will not have to continue beyond that but we will reassess on a regular basis.

Trips that were due to happen in the next couple of weeks, such as Young Voices, have been postponed but we have already started booking trips for later in the school year and will keep our fingers crossed that they can go ahead.

On a happier note, the children have come back to school happy and ready to learn and we are looking forward to a great term.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mrs Fleet

Nursery Place for September 2022

Have you applied for your child's nursery place? If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019? You can make an application via our website <http://www.reddings.herts.sch.uk> on the Nursery, Welcome and complete the application form. Alternatively, you can collect a paper application form from the School Office. Any queries, please to Mrs Keane in the School Office. **The closing date is 11th March 2022.**

Key Dates

Wednesday 26 th January 2022	NHS Health Screening in Reception
Tuesday 3 rd May 2021	Year 4 and 5 Trip to Kew Gardens
Monday 13 th to Thursday 16 th June 2021	Year 5/6 Residential Trip to Tolmers Scout Camp

Term Dates for Academic Year 2021/22

Spring Term 2022

Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 14 th February 2022 to Friday 18 th February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 21 st February 2022
Children's First Day Spring Term 2	Tuesday 22 nd February 2022
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 1 st April 2022 – finish at 1.30 pm
Easter Holiday	Monday 4 th April 2022 to Monday 18 th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Children's First Day Summer Term 1	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 th May 2022 to Friday 3 rd June 2022
Additional Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th June 2022
INSET Day	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
Children's First Day Summer Term 2	Wednesday 8 th June 2022
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 22 nd July 2022 – finish at 1.30 pm