



WEEKLY SNIPPETS

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

This afternoon you will have received notification that school will be closed on Monday 19th October for the health and safety of staff, children and our wider community. This decision has been made due to a number of staff needing to self-isolate.

I would like to stress that the direct contacts in school are between staff members. Any children in direct contact have already been sent home.

Following a positive Covid19 test of one member of staff, two other members of staff have since been tested. Although they did not present with the 3 identified symptoms for testing:

High temperature

Continuous new, persistent cough

Loss of taste and smell

They did present with other mild symptoms sometimes linked to Covid19 and, with the agreement of public health England went to be tested. One test result has come back positive and we are awaiting the second test.

Mrs Pearson has tested positive for Covid19. She is currently experiencing mild symptoms and we wish her a speedy recovery.

On Monday, in addition to ensuring a deep clean, we will be taking time, in consultation with the local authority and public health to make the best decision for our school and the wider community. We will be thinking very carefully about this. We will assess the Covid19 risk and staff availability in school. We also recognise that any decision to close is very difficult for many families and closure of any bubble will not be taken without careful consideration. For other families the decision to stay at home to learn may be preferable for the week running up to half term. School will support this with some remote learning and direction to Oak Academy learning material.

Thank you, once again for being such a supportive community and working with us in very challenging times.

Kind regards, Nancy Fletcher

Covid-19 Testing update w/c Monday 12th October:

- 3 x Year 4 children sent home to self-isolate as direct contact with Covid positive member of staff.
- 2x Nursery children awaiting test results
- 5 children are currently isolating
- 3 x staff members tested. 2 positive Covid test. 6 staff members isolating as a result of advice from Public Health.

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