

YSGOL OWEN JONES CP



Newsletter – 11th March 2022

Dear Parents,

Covid Cases and Guidance

Unfortunately, like a number of local schools we have seen a large increase in cases once again this week. This shows that the virus is still very much present.

Please note that day zero (first day of isolation) is the day that your child tests positive, not the day symptoms start. We also ask that you test your child on day 5 and 6 and have a negative test on both days before returning to school.

Here is the latest advice in relation to managing positive cases of Covid in Educational settings (**this does not include special schools**).

In those testing positive for Covid:

- 5 days isolation is **legally** required.
- Testing on day 5 and 6 and the need for a negative test before ending isolation on day 6 (if asymptomatic) is advised but not legally required.
- Anyone that tests positive on either Day 5 or Day 6 must continue to self-isolate until they have 2 negative tests, taken 24 hrs apart or up to Day 10, whichever is sooner.
- If symptoms persist, isolate for the full 10 days.
- Do not return to school if have obvious signs of an infection – mainly a temperature.
- Individuals who are 10 days post-symptom onset or positive test will have less virus circulating and therefore will be less infectious than in earlier stages. Continued testing beyond 10 days is not considered proportionate and therefore the recommendation is that positives cases no longer test beyond Day 10 and do not participate in school asymptomatic testing regime until 28 days from initial infection have passed. If individuals still have signs of infection (as noted above) they should not attend school.
- Sporadic positive LFD test results in the absence of new symptoms within the 28 day period from initial infection are not considered to be new infections. Further advice, if required, can be sought from your local TTP team.

If an individual develops new Covid symptoms (i.e. high temperature, continuous cough, loss of sense of smell/taste) they should isolate and book a PCR test.

We would like to thank you all for your on-going support with this.

Reporting Positive tests

Due to people now being asked to self-isolate if they have a positive Lateral Flow Test there is a possibility that the school will not be contacted by the Track, Trace and Protect team. Therefore, to ensure we know when our pupils have had a positive Lateral Flow Test or PCR test we are asking parents to click on the link below and provide some key information for the school.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LUZY1cPpks>

Wearing of masks

Due to the increase in cases we have seen in school over the last week we would ask that you continue to wear masks at drop off and pick up. We were hoping to change this from next week but as we have had this cluster of cases we would like to be more cautious in our approach. We hope that we will soon be able to change this once the numbers start to decrease.

Home-Learning – Self Isolation

If your child does have to self-isolate over the next few weeks, the teachers have created two home-learning grids for the children if they are well enough to complete school work. These will be set on Seesaw (Classes 1, 2 and 3) and on Google Classroom (Class 4 and 5).

Parents Evening

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting you all virtually this week for our parents' evenings. If you were unable to attend or had any problems with connecting, we can arrange a phone call from your child's class teacher if you wish. Please contact the school office to arrange this.

Red Nose Day

This year's Red Nose Day is taking place on Friday 18th March and we would like children to come to school dressed in red to raise much needed funds for this worthy cause. £1.00 donation is much appreciated placed in a sealed envelope on the day, *Thank you.*

World Book Day

We will now aim for this to take place on Friday 25th March. During the day we will again be promoting the importance and joy of reading and the children will be participating in a range of reading activities throughout the day including a book swap session. The children will be able to bring a book or two from home that they no longer read and can swap it for a book brought in by another child. The children can also come dressed as a fictional character from a book if they wish.

PTA Readathon

The PTA is delighted to announce that they are running a sponsored readathon from Friday 11th March 2022 until 4th April 2022 and they would love your child to participate! The aim is to raise funds to contribute towards updating the school's forest area.

Children can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics, from e-books to poetry - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. Younger children can join in too, by having books read to them and sharing books with family members. **All you have to do is:**

- Help your child find sponsors among family and friends. Please fill in the sponsorship form overleaf
- Take a look at what they plan to read or help them complete a list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want! There are few ideas attached how this can be made fun
- Click some pictures of your child reading and upload on seesaw.

Send your sponsorship money through school gateway and submit your sponsorship forms to school by 4th April 2022. Please support your child's sponsored readathon as much as you can. The child with the highest sponsorship in each class will receive a gift voucher. Thank you ever so much for your continued support.

Happy reading!!

Raffle

Parents from Year 2 will be holding a raffle next week with all proceeds going towards assisting the aid required for the Ukraine. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the school gate at the end of next week.

Extra- Curricular Clubs - Cancelled

The extra-curricular clubs will unfortunately not be starting next week due to staffing levels in school following the increase in covid cases over the last week. We will provide further details next week of when the clubs will be resuming.

Multi-Sport Club

Multi sports Tuesday 15th March this will go ahead next week as we have an outside agency running these sessions. The sessions start straight after school until 4.15pm.

School Cleaner

We have a vacancy for a permanent part- time cleaner position to work 10 hrs per week. If you know of anyone that may be interested please ask them to contact the school for further information. The closing date is Friday 25th March.

School Caretaker appointment

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr Dale Antrobus as our new school caretaker. Mr Antrobus will be starting with us next week.

Forest Work

We are looking to carry out further work in the forest as this is an excellent resource that we want to make the most of. We are currently looking at applying for grants that would allow us to further develop it and involve the forest being used by other groups in the community. If anyone would be interested in being involved in this project, we will be holding an 'outdoor' meeting on Wednesday 16th March. Please contact the office or myself at the school gates if you would like to discuss this further and are hoping to attend the meeting.

Class 5 – Change of P.E Day

We will be changing the PE day for class 5 next week only. Could we ask that all children come to school in their PE kit on Thursday 17th March instead of Tuesday.

PE Days / Forest School

Class	PE Days	Forest School
1	Thursday	Friday (am)
2	Friday	Friday (pm)
3	Wednesday	Tuesday (pm)
4	Tuesday & Wednesday	N/A
5	Tuesday & Friday	N/A

Fruit Tuck

The children really enjoyed receiving fruit tuck in school before half term and just as a reminder you are able to purchase this through the school Gateway app at a cost of £1.50 per week.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Diary Dates

March

- 18th - Red Nose Day
- 25th - World Book Day
- 31st - Year 1 School Nurse Screening

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr Caughter and the Team.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to FSM, please go to the Flintshire website: www.flintshire.gov.uk/FSM or contact the school for further information.