



OIA news

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Thank to everyone for your support with all the changes we continue to introduce to make our school as safe as we possibly can. We appreciate your commitment and flexibility while we get this right.

Thank you for all the donations for Jeans for Genes day. It is really important, more than ever for us to be supporting charities, so we appreciate every penny donated today. The warmth of jeans was also well timed today!

Drop off and collection

There have been a few questions about the one-way traffic if dropping more than one child. There is no right answer as at some point you will need to go against the one-way system. We just ask that if you are going against the flow of traffic, you give way and keep your distance as much as possible.

Our school day is obviously shorter than in previous years due to the staggered start and end of the day. We are trying really hard to ensure that we get started with teaching the children as soon as we possibly can in the mornings. This is especially important as we try to close any gaps due to missed time in school. We kindly ask that if you are in the final arrival slot that, you now arrive at 8.55 to ensure the children are in and ready to learn by 9. Many thanks.

Food Allergies

Please be aware that we have children within the school with severe nut allergies and we must ask that you do not send any items into school that contain nuts.

Correction to Spring Term dates

Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday February 12th, 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021 to Friday 26th March, 2021

Please note that Monday 22nd is NOT an inset day

Bubble Closure and home learning

We are so happy to have the school fully open and seeing the children thrive being back with their friends. However, as the headteacher, I have a duty to put a plan together in case we have to close a bubble. We are paying close attention to what is happening in other schools and it is unclear at the moment, if we get a positive case, how many people this will impact. However, we are envisaging that if there is a positive case, the entire year group and staff would be sent home.

As you will be aware the goalposts keep changing and our plans will adapt accordingly but we wanted to give you an update on what we expect a partial closure to look like. Detailed information will be sent out.

If your child displays symptoms during the school day, they will be isolated from other children and you will be asked to collect them immediately and any siblings. They will be looked after by a familiar member of staff until they are collected. We will give you more information regarding, testing and how to inform us of test results if your child is sent home.

If your child receives a positive test result, please contact us as soon as you can. They will need to isolate for 10 days and the rest of the family for 14 days. We will provide more information if this happens.

If a child or a staff member in your child's bubble tests positive, we will take immediate steps in school to isolate the bubble and will following the procedures set out by the government for clarifying who needs to be sent home. As soon as this is confirmed, we will immediately inform parents of any children that need to be collected and quarantined for 14 days. Other members of your household do not need to isolate unless your child develops symptoms.

At this point we will arrange a Q and A session for the following morning with myself and the head of operations from IFTL. Further details will be sent at the time.

If your child is sent home to isolate for 14 days, the school will continue their education experience online within 2 days of the closure. The senior leadership have been busy putting a comprehensive plan in place and we are hoping to be fully ready to deliver three 20 minute 'live lessons' a day via Teams (or equivalent). Supplementary follow on activities that will be submitted and marked by teachers. You will also receive a well-being call each week and staff will be contactable via email during school hours. Paper packs will be available and delivered to your door if you do not have internet access. Please let your class teacher know if your child will require the paper packs.

We will send out further guidance around accessing online learning effectively at the time of closure.

We are following all government guidance and working tirelessly to try and ensure that everyone in our school community remains safe and at school. Your understanding and support have been amazing. Thank you.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Warm wishes,



Sarah Armitage