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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the Government starting to remove restrictions, we have had a challenging week in school, as staff testing positive - required to self-isolate, has tested our capacity. Despite this, we have tried to keep school running as usual with after school clubs, tutoring, Y6 Breakfast Booster and swimming. We endeavour to keep school fully open - however, are mindful that, we may have to return to our Home Learning model at short notice, if staff capacity continues to be an issue. Our Home learning is via the link: <http://bit.ly/nbremote>.



**BLUE MONDAY- BRIGHT**

School looked amazing on Monday with the many bright and bold outfits- it certainly made everyone smile 😊 Thank you for supporting 'The Headlight project,' a new charity supporting pupil wellbeing. We also had a 'happy day' in school 😊

**SPRING TERM 1 2022 DIARY DATES**

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day - "Respect and relationships online"
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February: **SCHOOL CLOSURES** for half term.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February: **SCHOOL OPENS** for Spring Term 2
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March: **SCHOOL CLOSED:** PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: **SCHOOL OPEN**
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: **SCHOOL CLOSURES** end of term
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April: **SCHOOL OPENS** for Summer Term

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Our After School clubs for the Spring term. started this week. Again, most clubs were oversubscribed. I would like to thank our staff for giving their time and thank you for your support.

**Swimming:** Our Year 4 pupils have completed their swimming now. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and over the 2 week blocks, certainly developed their swimming skills. Well done Year 4!

<b>*Please note PE changes</b>			
<b>SPRING TERM 1 2022</b>	<b>Class group</b>	<b>PE days</b>	<b>Rec – Year 6 children come to school in their PE kit</b>  (white t-shirt, black shorts, joggers and a sweatshirt, plimsolls or trainers)
	Reception	Monday & Wednesday	
	Y1/2TS, Y1/2ES	Tuesday & Thursday	
	Y2MG	Tuesday & Thursday	
	Y3NS, Y3ZHi	Tuesday & Friday	
	Y4HH, Y4SB,	Monday	
	Y5CR, Y5DJ	Wednesday & Thursday	
Y6EH, Y6ZHo	Friday only		

**Covid guidance**

**Temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education and childcare settings**

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) is now temporarily suspended. This means that for all education/childcare settings, staff/students who have tested and reported a positive lateral flow result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test. This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. We therefore don't need to ask people to do a confirmatory PCR unless they:

- have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test)
- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

If you or your child, has a positive LFD test you must self-isolate for 5 days and re-test on **day 5 and day 6** Self-isolation can stop, when you/your child have 2 consecutive negative LFD results on **Day 5 and Day 6**. Returning to school/work on day 6 – after the negative test results.

**We hope this guidance helps - in reducing risk and keeping each other safe.**

We hope you have a lovely weekend!  
 B Hewitt-Best