WIRRAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE





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Dear parents and carers,

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We have been busy planning for this term, based on the guidance for schools which was released in July along with the country heading into stage 4 of the Government's road map, as well as further guidance which has been released over the summer.

We are very excited at the prospect of a little more normality within school, but there are still some procedures we need to follow to ensure that our school and local community remain as safe as possible.

Covid-what will happen this term?

- There will be no bubbles schools are allowed to mix again, including holding Key Stage and whole-school assemblies and being together at playtimes.
- School events will recommence and we hope to be able to begin to invite our families into school to join us for events and celebrations.
- We will not be having staggered start and end times to the school day. The school day will run from 8:50 until 3:15 for F2-Y6 and Nursery and F1 sessions will run from 8:50-11:50 and 12:00 to 3:00.
- There will be no bubble isolation for close contacts in school.
- We will still be maintaining high levels of hygiene in school. Children will be washing and sanitising their hands regularly throughout the day.
- · We will be making sure the school stays well ventilated and surfaces are cleaned regularly.

However, having said this, the guidance does state that there are signs which may indicate that Covid cases in school are rising and if this is the case, we will need to revert to some of the measures we had in place during the summer term. Please see the Contingency Plan on the school website for more information.

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All children MUST attend school unless they are ill or have Covid Symptoms.

- From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a close contact tests positive for Covid.
- Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school whilst they wait for the result.
- They can continue coming to school as long as they have no symptoms, and the test result is negative.





- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test), <u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated but instead should book a PCR test.

Covid Symptoms

Three main symptoms

- A high temperature
- · A new, continuous cough
- · Loss or change in your sense of smell or taste

Additional Symptoms

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- · Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

Please be alert to the above symptoms and if your child is displaying these symptoms, please do not bring them to school, and take your child for a PCR test.

We can't wait to welcome our families back to school tomorrow, If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks everyone,

Helen Holbrook Headteacher