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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and you have coped with the chilly start that we have certainly had the last couple of days, please take care coming to and from school as the pavements may be slippery.

As you will be aware the Government is relaxing the wearing of face coverings in schools from next week. The wearing of face coverings has never been a requirement for children at primary age, this rule was only ever for secondary school pupils, however if there is a child who would feel more comfortable wearing one then they can continue to do so.

It is encouraging to hear that we maybe passed the peak of the Omicron wave and infection rates are on the decline nationally, however in Portsmouth the opposite is true for the 5 - 11 age group (Primary age children), and whilst we begin to move out of Plan B way of life, due to this specific situation and indeed our levels of infection having increased this week, I would like to keep the current start and end times in place until next Friday (28<sup>th</sup> January).

## Isolation Periods

With all of the changes to isolation periods that have been announced over the past week and a bit, we have been asked by a few parents what the new rules are, so I have copied the latest guidance (as of today!!!) that has been sent to schools.

*People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.*

*For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.*

*The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).*

*If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.*

*Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.*

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

I hope that this helps to clarify the arrangements.

Below is a table to support you with regards to school work and what the current government expectations are.

When a pupil is away from school because...	...for a period of...	...the school will provide the following learning resources:
They are unwell with suspected or confirmed COVID symptoms, or other childhood illnesses.	Up to 2 school days	Not applicable – a child too ill to be in school is too ill to learn at home.
They have a confirmed COVID test with symptoms and need to self-isolate.	From 3 -10 school days	Age-appropriate and ready-made Curriculum work pack set on Google Classroom.  Child to use as and when they start to feel better.
They have a confirmed COVID test without symptoms and need to self-isolate.	From 2 -10 school days	Age-appropriate and ready-made Curriculum work pack set on Google Classroom.  Child to use as soon as material is uploaded from school.

## School Footwear

Following recent DfE announcements and the introduction of the new playground equipment we have decided to make a change to the uniform policy which we hope you will support. From Monday 24th January, children will be allowed to either continue wearing their black school shoes or now wear black trainers.

A number of schools across the country have already done so and it has resulted in the children being more active at lunch and playtimes and with the new play equipment, some children have started changing into their trainers at break and lunchtimes as this gives them more grip and confidence, then they change back afterwards. In addition to this, it is also a potential cost saver as you will not need to provide separate trainers for PE and games (unless you wish to do so). While a small logo is acceptable, trainers where they are a mixture of colours or have soles with different colours are not permitted.

This change is purely optional as our policy now states that both black school shoes and black trainers are acceptable so please do not go out and purchase new footwear.

## Be Safe Online Workshop

Portsmouth City Council are running a free digital workshop all about how to keep safe whilst online whether that is using the internet for shopping, gaming or social media. Please find attached to this newsletter a flyer with all of the information on and booking details.

## Golden Child

I am delighted to share the names of this week's Golden Children, they are:

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
R	Bright	Aria
	Donaldson	Charlotte
	Potter	Mel-Adee
1	Banksy	Eliza
	Goldsworthy	Ronnie
	Riley	Rydas
2	Asher-Smith	Summer
	Farah	Florrie
	Simmonds	Alicia
3	Adele	Oliwia
	Elton	Aliza
	Sheeran	Darcie
4	Brunel	Jessica
	Callaghan	Ismaeel
	Dickens	Daisy
5	Dyson	Boss
	Gilbert	Hope
	Newton	Florence
6	Attenborough	Han Ming
	Churchill	Lleyton
	Pankhurst	Maya
	Shakespeare	Carter

Children in KS2 have all been recognised for someone who treats everybody equally and in KS1 someone who treats others with fairness and kindness.

## House Points

	Alliance	Mary-Rose	Victory	Warrior
House Points collected this week	1,826	816	1,967	934
Running Termly Total	3,781	2,765	3,994	3,266

I hope that you all have a restful weekend, keep safe and I hope that you get to enjoy the sunny weather that is planned, just remember to wrap up warm.

Matt Johnson  
Headteacher

## Be Safe Online Workshop



As part of **Safer Internet Day 2022** we will be delivering  
a **free** digital safety 2 hour workshop.

We will investigate how to keep ourselves safe online; understand consent/ permission  
in the digital world and how the choices we make online are important and can affect  
others too.

**Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**10am - 12pm **or** 1pm to 3pm**

This course will take place at  
The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH.

To book your space call (023)92 621860  
or email [thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)