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Happy New Year 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am excited to be working with you all this year in my new role at Acting Headteacher. I hope everyone has had a restful Christmas break and that you have managed to spend time with loved ones far and near. This has been a challenging time with increased cases of Covid-19 and I hope that you have remained well and if not, that you are soon on the road to recovery.

I am really looking forward to welcoming all the children back into school on Wednesday 5th January. I shall be leading an assembly with each Key Stage on Wednesday morning to greet everyone providing a chance to gather, reflect and think about the term ahead. We will also be welcoming three new children into our Frampton family in Year 1 and Year 3. Lots of exciting learning is planned and the teachers and I are ready to make a determined and positive start to 2022. Although things may be a little different at the beginning, our children always surprise us with their incredible resilience in times of change!

Clubs

We always try to ensure that we are providing a wide range of clubs after school, either teacher led or led by outdoor providers. Thank you to all the parents who also support and run clubs as this provides an enhanced and enriching school experience for our children. If you have any special talent/skill that you think you could share, please let me know. Clubs will start again from Monday 10th January 2022. There have been some changes to the schedule so please check carefully when they are sent later in the week.

Safeguarding

I am now the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Frampton. Mr Peter Barnard will also continue as Designated Safeguarding Lead during Term 3 to support any Safeguarding transition meetings if required. In addition there are now two deputy safeguarding leads Mrs Catherine Walker (SENCO) and Mrs Kirstie Ward (Nurture Lead).

Mrs Fay Reeves (Mother to children in Y1 and Y5) is the Governor with responsibility for safeguarding. It can be difficult when we need to speak to you about a concern but safeguarding is the priority of all staff in school.

If you are worried about a child please come and speak to one of us. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Staffing update, changes and information

The end of last term saw a teaching staffing crisis not only at our school but across the country, and unfortunately this is now continuing this week, with reports in the media of schools being advised to merge classes if there is significant staff absence. I will endeavour to ensure that last minute changes are communicated as swiftly as possible, however this is not always possible. Sadly I am already aware of a number of staff who will be absent for the first few days at

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the beginning of this term. As always I will aim to ensure that the children always have familiar adults, who know them working with them in the classrooms. All our teaching staff are utilized fulltime throughout the day to ensure that the children have excellent learning experiences.

Just before the Christmas break we made a couple of new appointments. Mrs Nicola Doyle will now be working full time in C4 as the classroom teaching assistant and Mr Chris Strawson has been appointed to continue working in Key Stage 2, providing intervention support. A number of students will be also be joining us in the next few weeks, working in classrooms alongside teachers.

School Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Kitchen Supervisor. Mr Roger Morgan has joined us temporarily until the position is filled permanently. Please see the menu attached for this term. We also have a vacancy for a lunchbreak supervisor from Monday to Friday 11.55 – 1.10pm (or 2-3 flexible days). Please speak to Hannah or Nicola Addicott if you are interested.

Dates for your diary 2022

Tuesday 4 th January	INSET Day Staff Training. No children in school
Wednesday 5 th January	First day of Term 3
Monday 10 th January	Flu Vaccinations in school
Monday 31 st January	Story telling week
Monday 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 9 th February	Sikhism Faith Day
Monday 14 th February	Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6pm Online – Information will be sent home later this month.
Tuesday 15 th February	Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6pm Online
Wednesday 16 th February	Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6pm Online
Friday 18 th February 2022	Last day of Term 3
Monday 28 th February	First Day of Term 4.
Friday 27 th May	INSET DAY

Covid 19 - with advice taken from South Gloucestershire Local Authority (from 31st December 21)

As you know there are a high number of Covid cases now that the new dominant Omicron variant is in the community. We will continue to abide by our risk assessment which has been updated to reflect the recent changes. Most of the procedures remain the same, though we have changed the isolation period and testing for primary children in line with the new government guidance. (see below)

- People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.
- Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

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Although the isolation period has been cut and testing is now in place, the children need to be fever free and well enough to attend school.

Outbreak Thresholds

Just before Christmas we had an outbreak in our Year 4 group. An outbreak is identified when whichever of these thresholds is reached first:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Following this outbreak in the last week in December, enhanced measures were implemented to try to ensure infection prevention.

Updated isolation guidance

You will be aware from the stay-at-home guidance, it is advised that following two negative LFD tests and where an individual does not have a high temperature, a positive case may end their isolation after 7 days. However, cautions are advised (see below) and at this point South Glos LA advise that this is individually risk assessed..

If both your LFD test results are negative, it is likely that you were not infectious at the time the tests were taken. To further reduce the chance of passing COVID-19 on to others, if you end your self-isolation period before 10 full days you are strongly advised:

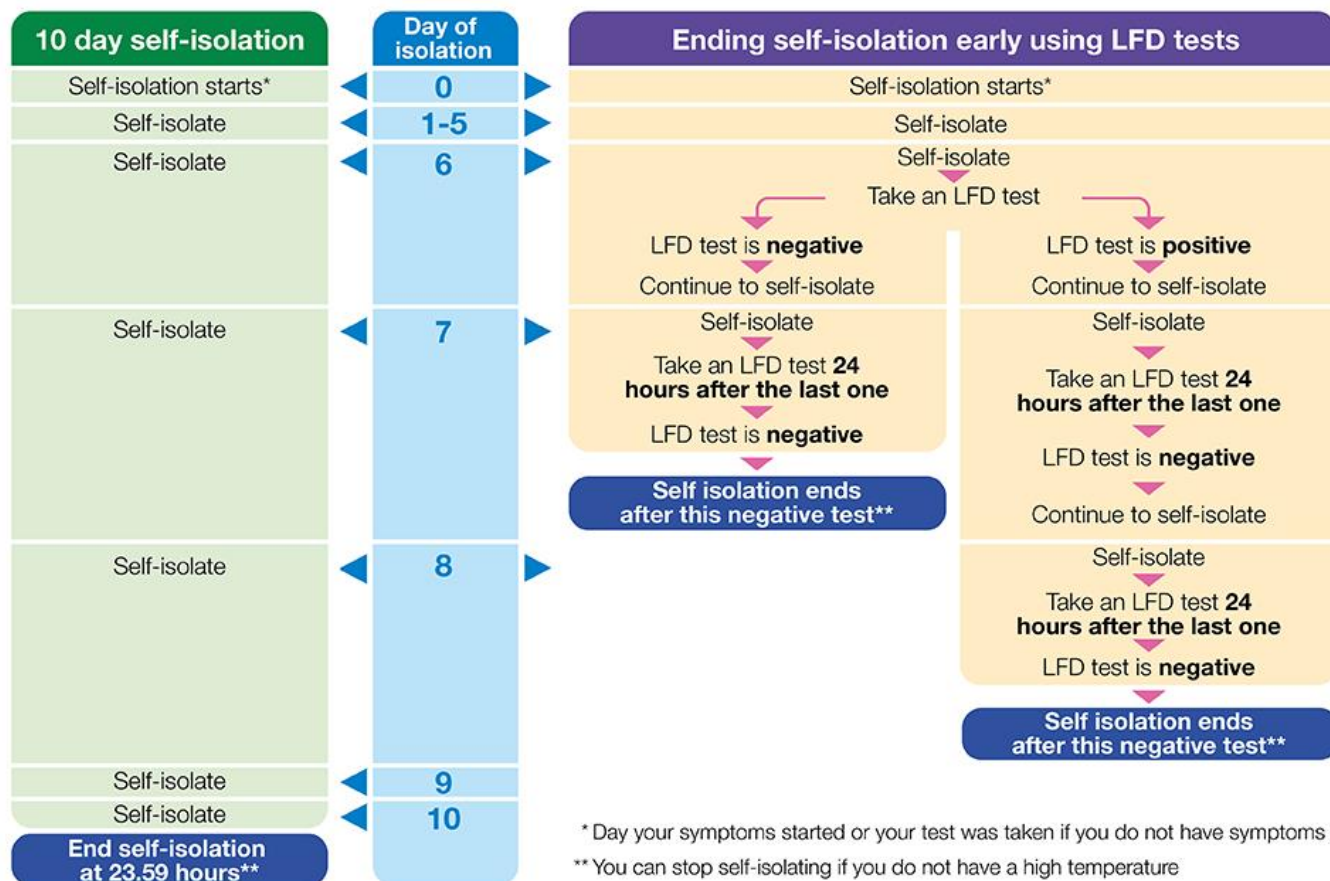
- to limit close contact with other people outside your household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
- to work from home if you are able to
- in addition to venues where it is a legal requirement, to wear a face covering in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where you are in close contact with other people
- to limit contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19
- to follow the [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#)

You should follow this advice until 10 full days from when your self-isolation period started.

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Please see the 'ending isolation early' flowchart below. This has been taken from the 'stay at home guidance' [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



Remote Learning

We will aim to provide a Remote Learning Offer to all children who are well and who are required to self-isolate. This clearly will depend on staff availability on the day, but we will aim to contact everyone within **48 hours**.

Vaccination programme

Please see these social media posts which support vaccination programme information. These are updated regularly.

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HTBNSSG/status/1472973822840160263>

Nextdoor: <https://nextdoor.co.uk/city/feed/?post=17592205614965>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BNSSGCCG/posts/5178830478811768>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/p/CXtIAPXIW_3/

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/nhs-bristol-north-somerset-south-gloucestershire-ccg_nhs-covid19vaccine-covid19-activity-6878740918518784000-sYSv

Financial support

South Gloucestershire council have a range of support options available to help customers who are struggling financially. If you would like to receive ongoing local advice and financial support around essential outgoings, please see the attached leaflet.

Cold Weather

Finally, it looks like the weather may be turning much colder. Please can you send your children into school with a named warm coat as we will be playing outside several times a day and completing the daily mile, even if it is wet and

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cold. We have several unnamed, lovely, warm coats in lost property if you need one! We are also planning to utilise the field at playtimes, especially for those children in KS2 who would like to play football at lunch. If children could bring in an old pair of named trainers to hang on their peg in a plastic bag this would be fantastic. They really will need to be in a separate plastic bag to save anything else getting very muddy.

Attachments – Please find the Financial support leaflet and Menu attached.

I will aim to try to streamline the number of School Comms communications that you receive from the school office and this will generally be communicated on a Friday at 2pm.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Kind regards,

Hannah

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