



BLUEBELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spring 1 2022

A few weeks into this new term, with a better understanding of where we are at the moment, I wanted to let you know a bit more about how the school is coping with the Omicron variant in school.

If you'd rather, you can watch me talk about it on the video posted on Class Dojo.

1) We share and understand your concerns. It worries us too to be in school with so much Covid. We don't want it for ourselves, or our families. But we have been given a job to do—to keep going with learning in school- we and we are doing our best to do it. The one thing we do agree on is that children have lost too much learning in the last few years so we if we can keep them in school learning, we will!

2) Where are we as a school right now?

- A) Some staff off from all teams— teaching assistants, midday supervisors, breakfast club, admin staff, teachers.**
- B) Some cases per class, but no explosions.**
- C) Lots of sibling cases.**



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3) What are we doing to prevent the spread?

- We can't stop the spread but we can slow it.
Ventilation - CO2 monitors and windows open.
- Extra cleaning where more cases in a class
- Not mixing in the dinner hall
- Keeping children as separate as possible, whilst keeping the school running as normally as possible.
- Encouraging daily lateral flow testing.
- Continuing to wear masks in communal areas.

4) When should my child stay off school?

- If they have Covid symptoms - cough, temperature, loss of smell/taste
 - If they test positive for Covid.
 - If they have symptoms like headache, sickness do a lateral flow test and as soon as they feel better send them in.
 - If they have sickness or diarrhea.
 - If they feel really seriously unwell.

When should they still come to school?

- If they are absolutely fine,
- If they are a bit under the weather, but it's nothing too bad.
- If their siblings or someone else in the house has Covid.
- Ideally, all the time!

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5) When should my child get tested for Covid?

- Any of the main symptoms - cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell- PCR
- Wider symptoms -headache, sore throat, rash, sickness - lateral flow to check.
- Close contact - lateral flow every day for 7 days.

6) How long should my child stay off school isolating?

Minimum of 6 days. Lateral flow on day 5 and 6. If negative, freedom on day 6.

If still testing positive, keep testing until two negative days or you've done 10 days isolation.

7) What will we provide if your child is positive?

Packed lunches, delivered to your door, if your child has free school meals.

Remote learning, via Class Dojo or Google Classroom. Once your child is well enough please get them to take part.

If you need a laptop for home learning, please let us know and we will get one to you.



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8) What if one child in the family is positive and another is negative?

The other children should be in school. So, please explore how you can get them in.

One parent bringing negative child in, other parent at home with positive one?

Asking another parent/friend to bring them in?

9) Why are we pushing attendance?

Several reasons:

As much as we are trying with remote learning, the experience we can provide that way is nothing like what they get in person in school.

With some children learning in school, and some children learning at home, it is hard to keep them all at the same point. The longer they are off, the harder it is for them to slot back into school and the learning.

Children have missed so much time in school in the last two years, if they can be there, they should be.

Hopefully we can get through to Spring and Summer 2022, with as few cases as possible thanks to your help and our measures, and keep children learning.

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