

30.9.21

Re: Covid Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

On 30.9.21, I wrote to you about the additional measures we were putting in place in response to advice from the Local Authority. Although at the time our cases had already started to reduce as a result of the additional measures we had implemented as part of our outbreak management plan, the Local Authority had asked all schools to take proactive action following a rise in cases within the community. They were concerned about the prevalence of Covid-19 in Staffordshire being higher than West Midlands and England averages at that time. As a result, we advised parents that we would be continuing to implement our additional measures. In my last correspondence, I explained that I would be carrying out a review by the end of this week and that measures would stay in place until Friday 5th November.

I consulted with the Local Authority yesterday, explaining that we currently had no cases in school and that we were carrying out a review. The Local Authority agreed that an outbreak plan is intended to be short term to control an outbreak and reduce the number of cases, which we have done successfully at Violet Way.

From Monday 8th November, whilst still maintaining our additional cleaning, ventilation, and hygiene measures, we now intend to start easing some of the additional measures we had in place last half term, in a careful and measured way. This means that we intend to have some parental events this half term. In line with advice from the Local Authority, should cases in school increase to levels stated in the outbreak management plan, we would need to revert to the plan and additional measures may need to be implemented again.

These are our intended plans for this half term (starting from Monday 8th November):

- Children in Key Stage 1 will have two assemblies per week together in the hall again, classes spaced apart.
- Library mornings will continue from next week (following the dates shared by Mrs Williams at the start of the term) because these are short and class based. Parents are asked to wear masks please (unless exempt).
- Reception Christmas Nativity performances are planned for Tuesday 7th December. We will be arranging three individual class performances during the day (times to be confirmed) to reduce the amount of people in the hall at the same time. There will be a limit of two adults per child to watch and they will be asked to wear masks please (unless exempt).
- Year 1 Christmas performances are planned for Wednesday 8th December. We will be arranging three individual class performances during the day (times to be confirmed) to reduce the amount of people in the hall at the same time. There will be a limit of two adults per child to watch and they will be asked to wear masks please (unless exempt).

- Christmas dinner day will be on Thursday 9th December and children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers and donate £1.00 to Save the Children. Although the official Christmas Jumper Day is on 10th December, we are having it on 9th December as Mrs Williams has arranged for a very special guest to join us!
- We are still planning for Year 2 to perform Christmas Carols at the church.
- Year 1 will continue to go swimming and they have a trip to Tutbury castle.
- Reception Admission (for 2022) school tour dates are booked in for Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 16th November. These will be after school (from 4pm) and people attending will be asked to wear masks.

The following measures are already in place at Violet Way and will continue this half term:

- Good hygiene routines are in place
- Additional cleaning of touch points during the school day
- Classrooms are well ventilated
- Staff engaging with LFT testing twice per week
- [Risk assessment and Outbreak Management plan](#)
- Headteacher liaison with Local Authority

Please be reassured that I will continue to take advice from the Local Authority, review our procedures and measures regularly, and keep you informed.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Kee
Headteacher