



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and relaxing Easter holiday. It has been a long term since January and the children have worked so hard in school. Thank you for your continued support; I really enjoy chatting to you all on the playground.

Parents and Carers

It was so nice to see so many of our parents coming back into school for Parents' Evening recently after the Covid absence. It was also useful for teachers to catch up with parents and carers in phone calls because this suits the demands of busy families and we will continue to offer this service in the future. In the last few weeks, we have also enjoyed welcoming parents into lessons so that you feel included in the children's education. Parents have commented on the high expectations and the fantastic behaviour of the children. If your child's class has not hosted an open event, please do not worry. In May, other classes will welcome parents in because it is important to me that school is community orientated.

Easter

In the last week, we have been running many Easter-themed events from a Spring Photograph competition, to egg decorating, to a raffle and an Easter egg hunt. These have been really popular and have demonstrated to me the fantastic support we have from you for our children. Thank you. Some of the events have been organised by our very committed staff, but many events have been organised and continue to be managed, by our Friends of Village Association. I would like to thank them publically for all the hard work and effort that they put into events for our children and for fundraising for our children. If you ever want to get involved or donate something, please speak to Mr Dixon who can point you in the direction of our Friends of Village.



Curriculum

All schools have to teach the National Curriculum, which sets out the knowledge and skills that children need to know across all of the year groups. Within that, teachers get some flexibility around topics and units of work. Over the past two years, all staff have worked hard to design a Village curriculum that will give our children the knowledge and skills that they need for now and for later in life. We are very proud of it. I am particularly proud of the local heritage elements that we have added because we want children to be proud of coming from Teesside and understand the role it has played. Our curriculum plans can be viewed on our website alongside a host of other sources of information.





Covid (Latest Guidance)

The key messages are as follows

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.
- Children and young people who have a positive test result for COVID-19 should not attend the setting for 3 days after the day of the test.
- Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

FAQ

Do children need two negative LFT tests prior to attending school after testing positive for COVID-19?

No, there is no longer a requirement or any advice in place to re-test to obtain two negative LFT tests prior to coming back into school. Children and young people who have a positive test result for COVID-19 should not attend the setting for 3 days after the day of the test.

If children have symptoms of COVID-19 should they continue to attend school?

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.