



11 February 2022

Dear Parent

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the last half term. As with every half term from March 2020, it has brought its own particular difficulties as we shift and change through this pandemic. I would also like to pay tribute to the dedication, commitment, flexibility, adaptability and hard work of the staff in WPSNU. As I have said before, our amazing team make my job a lot easier. Indeed, wonderful children, supportive parents and an amazing staff have allowed WPSNU to keep going through the pandemic.

I don't imagine for one minute that Covid is gone, however, I am seeing very positive signs that we are moving in the right direction. With this in mind we are going to make some small changes within school as we begin to take small steps back to normality.

From Monday, 21 February 2022 we will begin to reintroduce some mixing of classes within year groups:

- Breakfast Club will operate in year groups or family groups.
- Year groups will play together in the playground.
- Year group assemblies will take place on a bi-weekly basis.
- Play Based and Activity Based Learning can take place in year groups.

In addition:

- Afternoon cover of classes (1.50-2.50pm) will begin, allowing us to support children through Literacy/Numeracy Boost and also allowing Curriculum Leaders time to develop their curricular area of responsibility.
- Year 7 Yellow Caps will be introduced outside.
- Educational visitors will be permitted to visit school, eg Jo Jingles, Healthy Kids etc
- Coding Club will begin each Thursday afternoon from Thursday 3 March (please see attached leaflet):
 - Years 1-3 1.45 – 2.45 pm
 - Years 4-7 2.50 – 3.50 pm

My hope is that after Easter and then after half term break in May/June, we will be able to reintroduce other aspects of school, allowing us to slowly and safely return to normal school life.

It goes without saying that, should the number of positive cases rise significantly, we will immediately review the changes which are being implemented.

I will continue to inform the whole school of positive cases who have attended school within 48 hours of testing positive. If your child tests positive, please text me on the Covid number 07359 015420 stating:

- Your child's name.
- Your child's teacher's name.
- The date that your child was last in school.

Should a cluster develop within a class I will inform everyone and the children in that class will be asked to undertake an LFD test before returning to school.

I trust that you all enjoy a good break over half term and that you keep well.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Loughins', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

J LOUGHINS
Principal