



February 2022

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after Christmas. I have enjoyed hearing what the children have been up over the holidays. It does now seem like a long time ago now.

Just to update you, we have numerous cases of Covid-19 across the school. It is impacting both children and staff. In consultation with Public Health, we have put some additional measures in place and this has identified more cases. We are hopeful that we are getting over the worst of it. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for the amazing support that you have given us as a school. It really does help.

We have attached with this letter a Flow Chart For you to reference if you are unsure on the process to follow if you child has had a positive lateral flow test.

History Off the Page Saxon Day.

Emerald, Sunstone and Amber class were lucky to welcome in 'History off the Page.' Here they learnt all about the Saxons in a fun way. They had several workstations around the hall and made some fantastic Saxon things. The children really enjoyed it and have been telling me all the new facts that they now know.

Attendance:

Please can you ensure that if your **child is not in school**, you ring the school office to let them know. If we do not hear anything, or you then do not answer a call from the office, you may expect a member of Winhills staff to visit your house to carry out a welfare check. This is something that has been tightened nationally with latest news stories around child welfare.

Arbor Information

Please make sure that you are signed up on Arbor. This is the schools main use of communication, payment system and online booking system for parents evening. If you have changed your contact details, please can you make sure that these are all up to date on Arbor too. Due to GDPR, we can no longer send data collection sheets home for you to check, this can be done through the Arbor portal, and it is your responsibility to ensure the information is kept up to date. Arbor have recently released the Arbor app, which can be downloaded from the app store. We currently have over 94% of Parents who have who have susses fully signed up. This makes such a massive difference to both the environment and our budget as we do not have to print as many letters.

Dates

Please look at the future dates at the end of the newsletter so you are aware of training days and holidays. All dates are on the website under the calendar section:

<http://www.winhills-cambs.co.uk/diary/list/>

Parking

The school car park will be locked from 8:30am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:30pm. Parents and staff will not be allowed to drive into the school car park at these times.

Please ensure you park considerately outside of the school, ensuring you do not block anyone's driveway or emergency access point. We are working alongside the local PCSC who will be regularly patrolling the local area. This is an initiative across the whole of St. Neots.

Red Post Box in Office Reception Area

Envelopes and forms should be posted in the red quick drop box in the office reception area, please ensure all items are clearly named and easily identifiable. We encourage you to use this facility to save you time unnecessarily waiting.

Little Gems Before and After School Club

Please can I remind you that all bookings and cancellations should be made via the school office. 24-hour notice must be given if your child cannot attend a session to avoid being charged. Breakfast is between 7.30am and 8.30am. Please let the staff know if your child has not had breakfast at home. Children attending after-school club sessions from 4.30pm onwards will be provided with tea. Please speak to staff if you wish to see the menu.

Term time holidays

Following Government Guidance, we as a Trust do not authorise leave during term time unless there are extra ordinary circumstances, which are judged on an individual basis. As a result of this we will apply to the Local Authority for a penalty notice if you take a child out of school for any unauthorised leave of more than 3 days and this may result in a penalty notice fine of £60.00 per parent per child, if paid within 21 days (about 3 weeks).

School Uniform

Children always need to have their PE kit and a pair of wellies in school.

As a reminder, the standard uniform consists of:

- White or blue polo shirts (plain)
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore with the length of skirt to be no shorter than just above the knee
- Grey or white socks, royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan (available from school with the school emblem)
- Royal blue pullover or cardigan.
- **Black footwear, shoes (not trainers)**

Hair – all long hair to be tied back, so that your child's vision is not impaired. Children may wear gel, ponytails, or hair bands, but no extreme fashion hairstyles please. **Please name every item of your child's school uniform.**

It is The Diamond Learning Partnership Trusts policy that earrings must not be worn for PE, and your child must be able to remove them if they wear them to school on PE days. Earrings should be small studs.

PE Kit

The children need a plain white T-shirt and plain blue/navy or black shorts. Please avoid strappy tops for the girls. If your child comes to school without the appropriate items or kit a letter will be sent home with them indicating the missing item or appropriate school wear.

Uniform points will not be given out to pupils if they do not have the correct kit. If children do not gain enough points over the term, they will need to come to school in their uniform on reward day.

School Dinners

The cost of a meal at school from September for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 is £2.25, meals for nursery children are £2.00 and adult meals are £3.20. **Payment can now be made online**, please ask the office staff for more information. You may order lunches daily but according to the Local Authority's policy, all school lunches must be paid for in advance or on the day taken. **School is not allowed to give more than one day's credit per child.**

Achievement Awards

Well, done to all the children who have received awards this half term. I look forward to many more children receiving awards next half term.

Friday 14th January 2022

Achievement Awards.

Kaja	Rosie	Setayesh
Frankie	Lucy	
Alivia	Ethan	

WAC Award – Lexi

RRR Award - Sophie

Friday 21st January 2022

Achievement Awards

Christopher	Kai	
Macey	Maisie-Jane	
Xavier		

Art Award -Ethan

WAC Award – Oly

RRR Award - Jaidyn

Friday 28th January 2022

Achievement Awards

Teiloras	Leo	Megan
Emma	Corey	
Sophie	Ruby	

Art Award - Bobbi

WAC Award – Emily

RRR Award - Setayesh

Term dates 2021-2022

Monday 14 th February 2022-Friday 18 th February 2022	Half Term
Monday 21 st February 2022	Training Day
Tuesday 22 nd February 2022	Spring Term Continues
Tuesday 1 st March 2022	SEND Parents Evening
Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th March 2022	Parents Evening
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Term Ends
Friday 1 st April 2022	Training Day
Monday 4 th April 2022-Monday 18 th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Term Starts
Monday 25 th April 2022	Yr. 6 Young Voices Trip
Monday 2 nd May 2022	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 30 th May 2022-Friday 3 rd June 2022	Half Term
Monday 6 th June 2022	Summer Term Continues

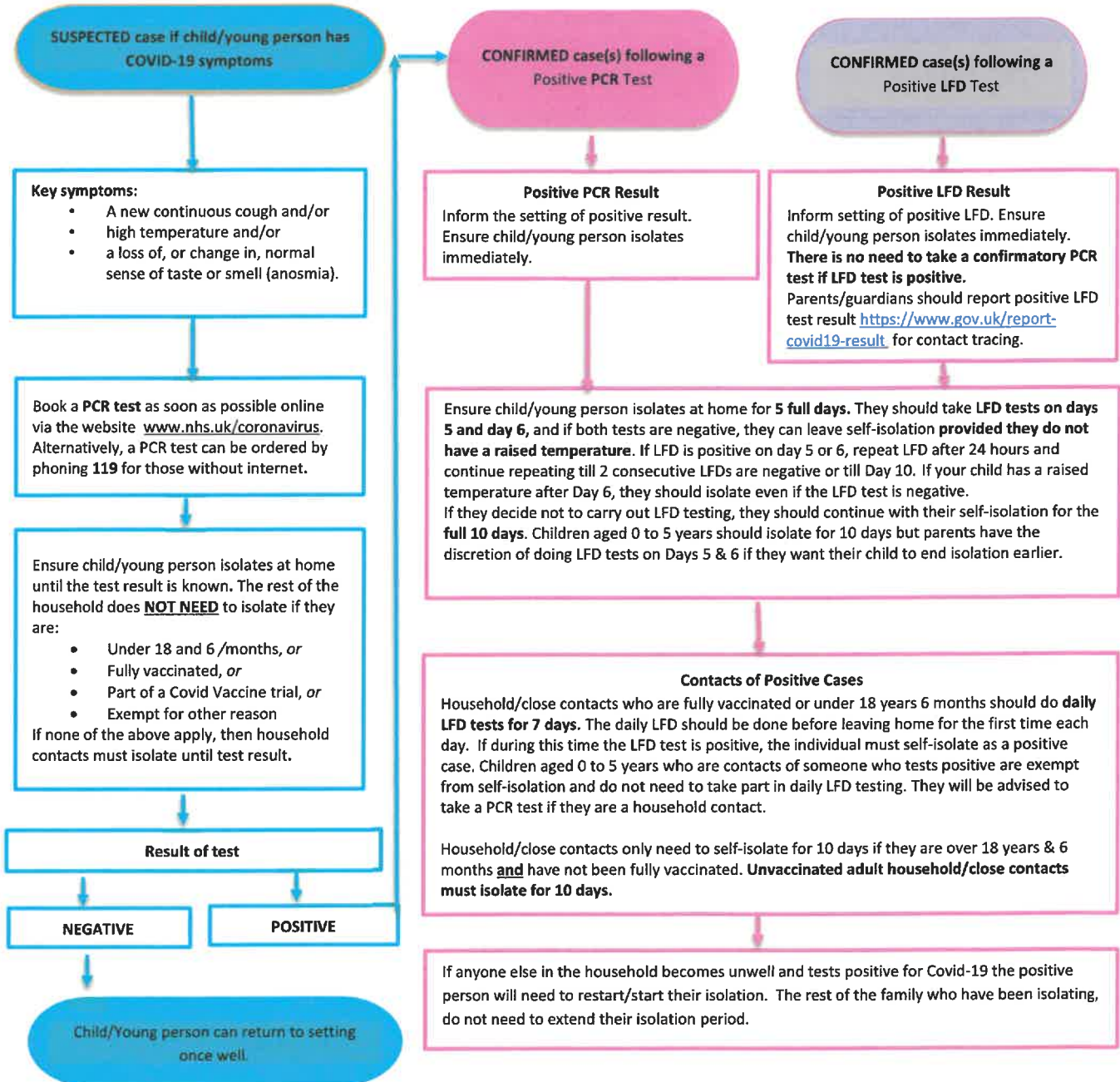
Yours sincerely

Mr. John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a child/young person please follow the flow chart below



- With the emergence of the highly transmissible Omicron Variant, we continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face coverings (if aged 11 and over) in crowded public indoor areas, maintain distance, get vaccinated and take LFD tests prior to meeting people outside your household.
- Face coverings are to be worn by everyone over the age of 11yrs unless exempt on transport to and from educational settings.
- Secondary school pupils to wear face coverings in classrooms and communal areas.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available within 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have previously received a positive Covid-19 PCR test result within the last 90 days and you are identified as a contact of someone with Covid-19 you should not take a PCR test. You should only take a PCR test if you develop any NEW symptoms of Covid-19.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms always book a PCR test.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They are not recommended for children under 5 years of age but can be used at parent/guardian discretion.
- If you have had a Covid-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing, use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test. Always follow the instructions on the pack as there are different types of LFD tests.

From 17 January 2022, a person with COVID-19 (a case) may take an LFD test on the fifth and sixth days of their isolation period. If both these LFD test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they will be able to end their self-isolation after the second negative test result. The LFD tests must be taken on consecutive days but the guidance no longer stipulates that these tests should be taken at least 24 hours apart. For example, if symptoms started at any time on the 15th of the month (or if the case was asymptomatic but their first positive COVID-19 test was taken on the 15th), they may take two daily LFD tests from the 20th. If LFD test results are negative on the 20th and 21st, and they do not have a high temperature, then the case will be able to end their isolation period after the negative test result on the 21st.