

Team Talk – July 2021 – Letter 2

Dear Families,

I wanted to write to you to let you know about our approach for next week, as the country heads in to 'Step 4' of the Government response to Coronavirus.

From next week, schools are no longer responsible for deciding who must isolate following a positive case of COVID in school. In essence, this means that should a child or staff member test positive from Monday, they must isolate immediately, but it will be the national Test and Trace service who decides if anyone else must isolate, ending the system of 'full bubble' closures. How this will work in practise is unknown as we are entering in to uncharted territory. Government documentation says that schools will only be contacted to support the identification of close contacts in exceptional circumstances; hopefully we never have to find out what this means!

The local authority and our Trust have advised that schools maintain the 'bubbles' until the end of next week, until we know how the new arrangements will work. We still ask you to let us know immediately if your child is going for a COVID test, and if they test positive. We will not automatically close the bubble at this point, as per government guidance, but we will inform parents of the positive case in the bubble, and allow you make your own call as a family. Whilst this is not part of the guidance, I think this is only fair with rates rising so rapidly and the holidays being within touching distance. Again, I sincerely hope that we do not have to do this!

From Monday, staff will continue to wear face coverings when it is appropriate to do so, but we will not mandate that parents will have to wear them; it will be personal choice.

Sports Day – Tuesday afternoon

Despite national restrictions easing, we will still ask families to respect our wishes and stay in your allocated zone, keeping some distance from other family groups. A maximum of two people can attend the event. Even with this limit, it will still mean that we have double the amount of adults compared to our children on site for the first time... As a reminder, we are the only school that I am aware of that is opening up for a sports day, so please support us in keeping the event as safe as possible. We will ask our children that they stay in their class group throughout the event and not enter the adult zones.

Please bring some change if you would like to purchase an ice cream from the visiting ice cream van for yourselves (we will buy the children's) and make sure that your child has plenty of sun cream on, brings their water bottle and a sun hat. There will be no grown-ups races this year... but start the training for next year, as parent races are usually the most contested trophy!

Reception parents will enter via the double gate on to the field (keep going past the MUGA and you will see it!) and Year 1 parents will enter in their usual way – down the side of the building. Parents are welcome to arrive from 1:15pm for a 1:30pm start.

We can't wait to see you all and welcome you in to Cambrai!

Water Fun – Tuesday morning

On Tuesday morning, please send your child to school in the clothes that you want them to wear for water fun, with their PE kit in their bag, unless they are already in school. As a reminder, PE kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts and some suitable running footwear – we want all of our children to look as smart as possible for the afternoon sports day. The children will play for an hour or so in different zones to the sports day areas and will be fully dry and changed for the afternoon.

Thorp Perrow Trip – Wednesday

We can't wait for the trip! Again, please send your child to school in their uniform and with plenty of sun cream on, their water bottle and a sun hat, if it is going to be warm. In Mr Marshall's absence, I'm pleased to say that now Mrs Canning's school has broken up for summer, she will attend the trip with Year 1, alongside Mrs Simpson and Mrs Maguire. If you have not paid for the trip, so far, please do so. Children will not need any money, as they will not be visiting the shop.

Last Day of Term

Children are free to bring toys in to school for 'toy day' – but nothing too expensive or special... as we cannot be held responsible for them. Please remember, there is no Nest this night.

Reading Books

We will send home a few reading books to 'keep the kettle boiling over the summer.' Please read each book a few times to build their fluency and stop them forgetting how to read over the summer.

Again, have a wonderful summer, we look forward to seeing most of you next week!

Best regards,



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