

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Moss Side Community,

COVID obviously continues to disrupt life at the moment but I hope that everyone remains safe. As a school, we will continue to do what we can to keep the ship sailing in the right direction during this period. Again this week pupils and staff have contended well with absences in both camps but hopefully this will only be for a few more weeks.

COVID Test Changes

You will no doubt be aware that, in the majority of instances, a follow-up PCR test is no longer required after a positive LFD test. If anyone has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test. If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the result is positive, they do not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

Yesterday it was also announced that isolation - following a positive result - can be reduced to five full days as of Monday, should the person have negative LFD tests on day 5 and day 6. If the result remains positive, isolation should carry on until two negative LFD tests have been taken 24 hours apart. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

Tests can continue to be ordered at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. I would encourage all families to have a box in the house as these can take 3 days to arrive.

Mental Health

Lancashire Emotional Health in Schools Service has produced some videos (with more on the way) to support parents in their understanding of children's mental health.

If they are of interest to parents, they can be viewed at <http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/lehsc/resources-for-parents/>

Smart Watches

Father Christmas appears to have delivered a lot of watches which have games or cameras on them. While a brilliant piece of technology, these are not appropriate for school even if pupils have turned off some settings. Please make sure that these remain at home and do not come into school.

COVID Contingency

We have been required to bubble in several classes this week and I think this is a likely outcome during the next few weeks. Parents will continue to be informed if this happens and/or if daily LFD testing is encouraged for pupils.

If classes need to bubble they will, unfortunately, be required to miss any extra-curricular clubs. Should this involve any paid clubs (such as judo) we will contact parents to arrange reimbursement for that session only.



Reading

We continue to place a huge emphasis on the importance of reading for all of our pupils. The single most important thing that parents can do to support their children's learning is to read on a daily basis. We know this is tough with the busy lives so many families have but setting aside just ten minutes a day can make a big difference.

This involves two important aspects:

- Developing fluency by checking that children can read words
- Developing understanding by asking questions

If you need any support, please approach your child's class teacher and communicate through the reading record book any reading that children have done.

Sharing stories with children is also both a lovely activity and something which helps to develop a love of reading. Leyland library is a brilliant resource for families wanting to share stories. Book Trust <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

[books-and-reading/bookfinder/](#) has a wonderful resource which allows suggested books to be searched by age category and type.



Holiday Dates

There has been a small correction to the holiday dates for 2022-23 (**next academic year**) related to the May/ June half term. If this has any impact on holidays booked already based on the original dates, an absence request form must be completed by Friday 28th January 2022 so that it can be reviewed. Please send in evidence of holiday dates and the date the holiday was booked on so that this can be kept with the request form.

Please accept our apologies for the error.

Remote Learning

Parents are reminded that remote learning is available via the website for any pupils needing to isolate but are otherwise well enough to continue their learning. This is via the resources page of the website. As always, parents are best judged to decide what is a realistic amount of work given that the impact of COVID in households varies from case-to-case.

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Dominic Carrasale for working really hard on his writing this week.
Rec/ Y1	George Kingsbury for <u>amazing</u> phonics and being an absolute fantastic role model to everyone!
Y1/2	Ashton Smith for having a great first week in his new class.
Y2	Chantelle Calvert for a great piece of descriptive writing about Jim the pirate.
Y3	Betsy Dixon for an increased confidence in Maths and offering ideas on problem solving.
Y4	Ella-mae Merrill for some amazing artwork again this week. A talented artist!
Y5	Alesha Baron for always working hard and being a super help around the classroom. A model Year 5 Moss Sider!
Y6	Sofia Holden for always being a role model, showing kindness and care to everyone around her.
House	Green

Key events next week

Monday Multi-skills Club Y1+2

Tuesday Dodgeball Club (AM) Y3+4

Wednesday Judo (AM) Y2-6

Thursday

Friday

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright