

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of what has been the most fact paced week of the year, full of change and information for us all. I have learnt so many new things this week in carrying out tasks not undertaken before, as has happened so often during the last 18 months. However, I sincerely hope some will not be needed again.

Thank you for all your support, patience and kind thoughts throughout, this has been greatly valued and ensured we have been able to follow advice and directives promptly and effectively.

As you will be aware I met (virtually) with PHE and the LA on Wednesday armed with all the information they had asked me to gather. A huge thank you to those who helped to provide so much information/data for this. The information gained supported clear tracing of links between most cases as part of the processes in the meeting.

The professionals applauded the measures we have in place and felt these have very much supported us in only now having our first bubble closures. They were clear that the local case numbers have significantly increased, and the virus was within the local community before our first case was identified. Additionally, positive case increases within the wider Cambridge communities has led to more positive cases within school communities throughout the county.

These meetings provide schools with recommendations and those we have control over have already been actioned. Please see the list below, with recommendations which are actionable by families as well being in bold:

- To maintain all safety measures already in place
- Ensure all systems are robustly undertaken (**please note this includes use of the one way system, adults keeping 2m distance from each other, adults wearing masks on site, staggered entry exit times to reduce numbers**)
- All staff who have yet to receive their second vaccine have been asked to book this as soon as possible as the period between the two has been reduced.
- **Ask parents to undertake regular LFD testing as this supports identification of asymptomatic people and the reduction of transmission**
- **Follow all advice and routines where symptoms develop i.e. immediate isolation, undertaking a pcr test, if test positive remaining in self -isolation for 10 days.**
- **Ensure self-isolation is maintained when deemed a close contact (self-isolation being when you do not leave your home)**
- **Remind all to maintain national safety measures and to limit social/community contact where possible due to the increase in cases nationally, locally and within school.**

I know you will continue to support us in all these steps but if you have any queries please contact me via the office by email.

Whilst our last week of term will not follow its normal routines, we still hope for the children to 'meet their new teacher' - outside and socially distanced - on Tuesday afternoon where at all possible. As several children will not be here, we are exploring sending the letter to all parents about new teachers electronically as we will need to send it this way for some. Despite having to close several bubbles the number of positive cases is proportionally low and so, all being well, the majority of children will be back from isolation in the last week of term.

Please see below some additional information and updates more widely:

PTA Fundraising Page - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/swaveseyprimaryschoolpta>

- Please use the page to donate to the PTA fundraising in general – at this time we are raising money to **replace the Interactive whiteboards in all our classrooms**. Due to the present ones no longer being fit for purpose due to not fully functioning through age and/or technological changes. The PTA are looking to contribute to the cost of these by raising **£10,000** of the nearly £20,000 it will cost. As we have been limited in our fundraising events this year if you would like to, and are able to, donate please do by going to the fundraising page and accessing the general donation pot.
- This page can also be used to donate towards staff wellbeing/joint gifts as previously detailed.

Little Princess trust donation - Caitlin and Claire (pupil and member of staff) are having a big post lockdown haircut fundraising and donating their hair to the little princess trust. This is our fundraising page. See the attached phot for the pre-cut length ... post-cut to come!

- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-daniel6>

Community Updates:

Jane Rogers' newsletters and resources can be found on the website [here](#). An updated newsletter for this week has been added today.

Summer holiday activities – external providers and community partners holiday activity information. Please see their flyers for details on our website [here](#)

Stay safe and positive.

Kind regards,
Anna-Claire Norden

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