

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to a new year. Every pupil, regardless of year group, has made a huge contribution to the atmosphere and mood in school. It has simply been one of the most enjoyable starts to a new year. Throughout the week staff and pupils have knocked on my door to tell me how quickly pupils have settled and how much they have enjoyed their first week.

Today we enjoyed the whole school accessing the same break and lunch pattern. This gave everyone across school the opportunity to meet friends in different key stages, catch up and enjoy playing football, the outdoor gym, sensory garden and cycle track. Some opted to relax in our open air theatre. If this week is a sign of what is to come we can all look forward to a very productive, enjoyable and exciting year.

All pupils, who opted to access the LFD tests on their return to school have completed 2 sets of tests and home test kits are being sent home to all families today. We are asking testing to be carried out twice a week during the month of September after which we will review the next steps. I fully understand that every family has a different set of circumstances. I want to reassure you that pupils, for whatever reason, not accessing the twice weekly testing will not be placed at a disadvantage.

You may have noticed a lot of reporting in the media in relation to a vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds. I want to reassure you that whatever plans are proposed it will be for the family and carers to discuss their choice on whether to access the vaccine with their child and make a decision. There will be no disadvantage to a child's educational opportunities based on whether they receive a vaccine or not. I hope that is clear.

School will continue, as it has always done, to promote good hygiene in school, which helps to combat all sorts of illnesses and contributes to a healthy lifestyle.

I wish you a safe and relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Headteacher

Please note, our new school contact number is 01606 663820.



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