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Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter

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Reception Places Sept 2022

If you know of anyone who is looking to join our lovely reception class in 2022 please ask them to contact the office on 0161 4371715 or email admin@outwood.stockport.sch.uk to arrange a meeting with myself. We offer personalised covid safe tours of the school upon request. The deadline for applications is Monday 17th January 2022.

General information:

Covid-19 Update

Please see the latest information about Covid-19 below.

Attendance

Attendance this term stands at 92% which is much lower than pre Covid times. We understand that sometimes children will be absent due to sickness however we do not want any of our children to miss any valuable learning time as they have missed so much already. Therefore in the new year we will be introducing new attendance and punctuality rewards to encourage children to attend school at all other times. Each week the class with the highest attendance and punctuality will receive a knock on their classroom door from a special guest baring treats. Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason that you must inform the school office by 9am. We do appreciate that appointments during the school day are sometimes inevitable, however from 2022 we will be asking for evidence of any appointments that are made during the school day.



We care, we learn, we grow

Goodbye 2021!

2021 has been another year of turbulence as we tried to return to some kind of normal during very abnormal times! At the beginning of 2021 we entered a second lockdown and during this time we offered live lessons and sessions to all classes to support remote learning. We were able to offer school places to all who needed them during this time too. During this time we worked really hard to offer a rich and exciting curriculum.

Since September we have focused on closing gaps in our children's learning caused by the pandemic. We have seen accelerated progress especially in reading with the introduction of our new phonics programme and new high quality library. We have also reintroduced trips and welcomed visitors to enrich our curriculum. It is so important to us that our children continue to flourish in a time when so many restrictions remain in place. Please have a look at our Twitter account to see the exciting activities that have taken place over 2021.

Christmas Choir performance at John Lewis

The choir performed brilliantly at John Lewis on Monday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and well done to all the children in the choir for an amazing performance, you were fantastic ambassadors for Outwood. Thank you to John Lewis who presented the children with a big tin of Quality Street!

Outwood's achievements

Please look at our Twitter feed and class pages of our school website to see photographs of exciting events that are taking place at Outwood. You'll find us at <https://twitter.com/Outwoodprisich> or @OutwoodPriSch

Festivities this month!

It has been lovely to welcome many of you to our first Nativity performance in a while and to the EYFS outdoor'sing-along'. The children really enjoyed performing, many who have not had the opportunity before. Thank you for following our strict guidelines to make these safe and enjoyable events. The PTA school fair was a huge success too, the children had lots of fun whilst raising £450 for the school.



Festive Holiday Club!



Don't forget that Sports Cool are offering a festive holiday club at school during the break. Details can be found on the school website.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support this year and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school when we re-open on Monday 10th January.

The latest information about Covid-19

In line with the national guidance, children aged under 18 years are no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Your child and other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms.

The latest government guidance states that pupils **who are a close contact or live with someone who has COVID** should do daily lateral flow tests (LFD test) before coming into school. Pupils should start this testing from the day their household member either became **unwell with COVID or tested positive** if they did not have symptoms and continue this for 7 days.

Please remember:

- if your child tests negative, they can continue attending school.
- if your child has a positive LFD result, they must start isolating, have a PCR test and inform school.
- if they develop COVID symptoms, they should book a PCR test. It is important that people with COVID symptoms do not rely on a negative LFD test, and they should have a PCR test. If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home.

Please go to [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests) to find where you can get LFD tests from. Your child should do daily LFD tests even if they have tested positive within the last 90 days themselves.

Children under the age of 5 years

Children who are aged under 5 years old are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19. They can continue to attend education or childcare settings. Under 5s who are a household contact are recommended to get a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while waiting for the results.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

Please visit the link to Public Health England's guidance for households with possible COVID-19 infections: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or.
- high temperature and/or.
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

However, people frequently present with a wider range of symptoms. If you or your child feel newly unwell with Covid-19 symptoms, then please access a PCR test. For many people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

In Stockport:

1. We are **still advising immediate isolation** to anyone who is suffering three **classical symptoms**, namely: new continuous cough; a high temperature (fever); or a loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell, or have a positive test result

2. Children who are unwell with any of the symptoms below are **not expected to isolate immediately** but we would advise that they go for a PCR test to rule out COVID-19.

The non-classical symptoms associated with the virus can include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vomiting/nausea/off your food• Diarrhoea• Sleeping more than usual/extreme tiredness• Listless/restless/agitated• Shortness of breath• Feeling cold | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headache• Severe body aches• Sore throat• Congested or runny nose• Skin rash |
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3. To book a PCR test please visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test and, when prompted, click the box **‘I’ve been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional’** option

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
- wash your hands as soon as you get home;
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze;
- allow ventilation in the house through opening windows;
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Test and Trace Support Payments

If a person is asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace and is on a low income, unable to work from home and will lose income as a result, they may be entitled to a payment of £500 from their local authority under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. This now applies to parents/ carers who cannot work from home and will lose income by self-isolating or staying at home to care for the child.

Further details are available via: <https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.