

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the first full week back at school and it has been a real success – this is all due to the hard work of the staff, the co-operation of all of the parents and the excellent attitudes of all of the children – a real team effort!

I am pleased to say that this week our school attendance was **98.5%**. This is a superb start and means that these children are being given the best possible chances of success.

As you are all now aware, I am continually reviewing the arrival and departure procedures and I will keep you continually updated with any changes. I do want to thank you for your patience this week as I know it has not been the quickest of processes at times. However, as it should be, the safety of the parents, children and staff at these times of the day is my number one priority. We will do everything we can to speed up this process and I'm sure this will improve very quickly. Thank you once again for your support.

COVID-19 Procedures

After speaking with many of you this week I just wanted to outline and clarify the procedures for dealing with any suspected COVID-19 cases.

What you should do:

1. If your child is **at home** and displays any symptoms of COVID-19 they must stay at home and self-isolate, along with all members of the household.
2. As per the government guidance, all members of a household, where somebody is displaying symptoms must then self-isolate and get a COVID-19 test.
3. We will ask for a copy of the test results before allowing the child(ren) back into school.
4. If your child is **in school** and develops symptoms we will ask you to collect them immediately, along with any of their siblings.
5. If a child is sent home from a class (bubble) with symptoms of COVID-19 the rest of the bubble will remain in school until we receive the result of the test.
6. If there is a **confirmed case of COVID-19** then the class (bubble) will be sent home and the children and staff in that bubble will be required to have a test. We would then require a copy of the test results. **The family members of these children are not required to have a test unless the child displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms or they test positive.**

Symptoms

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

More information about self-isolation and COVID-19 procedures can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/>

As is usual for this time of year, children will develop coughs and colds at this time of year and we do ask that you follow the advice around symptoms to COVID-19 carefully. And we also advise you to seek medical advice if you are unsure.

As always, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us here at Willow Green.

The format of the newsletter will return to normal next week where the teachers will be sharing all of the great things that have been happening in school. In the meantime please follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with everything that has been happening this week.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Many Thanks,

Mr C Parkinson

Head of Academy

Willow Green