



Children are at the centre of everything we do

Wednesday 5 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all! I do hope that you had a restful, COVID free Christmas break. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school tomorrow.

I thought I would remind you of a few things before the children return to school.

Clothing

Please ensure that all your child's school clothes are named. We had a huge amount of unnamed lost property in school last term. As the weather has turned cold, please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing. They may also want to wear an extra layer underneath their school jumpers/cardigans, as the classrooms continue to be well ventilated as part of our protective measures against the spread of COVID.

COVID

We continue to have our protective measures in place to stop the spread of COVID. These are:

Hand washing/sanitising regularly throughout the day, staff wearing face masks in communal areas, staff completing Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly.

If you have any queries relating to your child please email the office as opposed to trying to speak to your child's teacher at the start or end of the day on admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk
I would respectfully request that you do not come into the school office.

Please continue to respect the school's neighbours and again I would respectfully ask that you ensure that you leave the school site as soon as you have dropped/collected your child from school and do not congregate on or around the school site.

Government Guidelines

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason in which case the full 10 day isolation period must be completed.

Individuals who have tested positive may now take Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, your child may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school/childcare setting from day 7.

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

If you are anyone in your household tests positive in a LFD, or has a positive PCR then please do contact school as soon as possible on admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk, so that we are informed.

Christmas Tree collection

The 1st Scout Group will be collecting Christmas trees this year on Sunday 9 January 2022 for a small donation. Please see attached flyer. You can access all the information at www.1stberkhamsted.org.uk/trees.

GSA Update

I just wanted to say a big thank you to the GSA committee and a huge thanks to all the Greenway community who have currently raised £4725! This is fantastic news!

Regards
Katharine Ellwood
Headteacher