

Friday, 14th January 2022

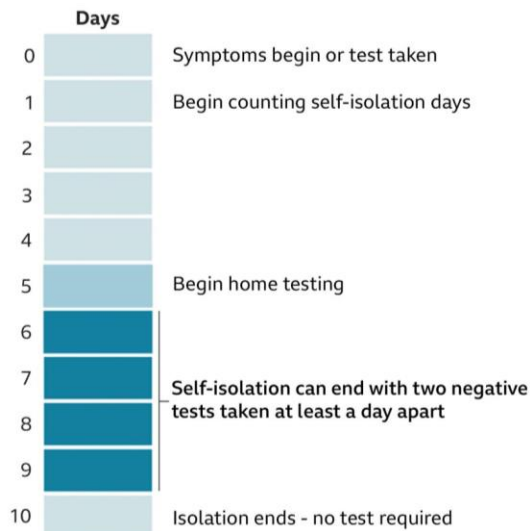
Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year

In this first newsletter of 2022, I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope you managed to have a rest over the festive period and that you got to spend some quality time with your children, families and friends. It has been wonderful to see the children getting back into their routines and they all appear to have got over the shock of those first few days back! The staff and I would like to thank you for the cards, gifts and good wishes that were sent into school before the Christmas break. We very much appreciate your kindness.

Covid-19 Update

You are probably aware that the self-isolation period for those with Covid-19 has been reduced once again. These new arrangements come into effect from **Monday**. Further details can be found in the [government's press release](#) which is summarised below:



Source: NHS

- From Monday, 17th January, people with Covid-19 in England can end their self-isolation **after five full days**, as long as they test negative on **day 5** and **day 6**.
- Individuals who are still positive on their lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had **two consecutive** negative tests taken on separate days.
- The first test must be taken **no earlier than day 5** of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation.

- It is essential that two negative lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and reported before individuals return to education, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 10 day period.
- The default self-isolation period continues to be **10 days**, and you may only leave self-isolation early if you have taken two LFDs and do not have a temperature in line with guidance.

If you require any additional guidance or if you are unsure what to do if a family member develops symptoms or tests positive, please contact the school office or drop me an email at head.halebank@halton.gov.uk. We will do our best to advise you.

Personal Development Goals



This week's personal development strength is **kindness**. Please acknowledge and praise your child's kind deeds at home. I would love to hear about these so I can share them in collective worship; do drop me a line or stop by for a quick chat on your way in and out of school to tell me about the wonderful things that are happening at home. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their kindness this week:



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Thomas: for always showing kindness
Year 1	Darcie-Rae: for always being kind to everyone
Year 2	Sofia: for always being kind and cheerful
Year 3	Pippa: for being kind and considerate to her classmates
Year 4	Lexia: for being kind and helpful to staff and classmates
Year 5	Charlie: for being a kind and helpful friend
Year 6	Lucie: for being a kind and helpful role model



After School Clubs

The school term is already in full swing, and it has been great to see so many children signing up for and attending their new clubs. Thank you for your patience with our new booking system; Mrs Fenlon is confident that all places have now been allocated as required. Please remind your child of the importance of committing to all the booked club sessions by attending each week. Thank you for your support.



READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Alice	Clara	Isabella	Emily P



Swimming

Pupils in Class 4 have made a fabulous start to their 2-week swimming course at Halewood Leisure Centre. We are so proud of the effort they have put into their lessons so far and their impeccable behaviour at the baths. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 will need their swimming kits from **Tuesday to Friday** next week as their lessons continue.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Stay safe ☺

Yours sincerely

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