



Newsletter Friday 14th January

Dear parents and carers,

What a start to 2022! We have welcomed the children back to school and they are settled once again to their learning and enjoying playtimes and lunchtimes together at the start of this new year.

I know that you have had lots of Covid-19 updates this week from school. Our priority is to continue to deliver face to face teaching to all our children in school. We hope that those amongst our school family who are self-isolating are not feeling too poorly and we look forward to welcoming them back on their return date. Thank you for your help with the changes we have had to make at short notice already this term.

Updated Covid-19 Guidance

From Tuesday 11th January confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) has been temporarily suspended. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and children who have tested and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test. This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. Therefore, people do not need a confirmatory PCR unless they:



- have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test)
- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

Education and childcare settings are not expected to trace contacts of a positive case as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. Contact tracing is triggered once a positive LFD test is reported. **THIS REPORTING BY PARENTS IS ESSENTIAL.**

School Uniform



Our Governors have reviewed our School Uniform Policy to ensure that the cost of our uniform is reasonable and that there is provision for families to purchase second hand uniform. Our policy gives parents the choice to buy uniform from any supplier such as Tesco or Sainsbury's as well as having available the online purchases via our supplier Mapac. Our updated policy is available on our website. In

order to build up our supply of second-hand school uniform we would appreciate donations of clean, good quality items which can be handed in at the school office. If families would like access to these items for a small charge, please contact the office staff in complete confidence.

Parents' evenings

Next week we will be holding the majority of our meetings between parents and staff to share information about your child's progress, levels of achievement and future targets.

Please ensure you are wearing a mask (unless exempt) and we would also welcome all visitors to carry out a LFD test before entering school. We trust you will find the meetings informative and useful.



Mr Roark will be rearranging his meetings for Class 6's parents the week beginning 24th January. The plan is for you to attend at the same time as originally planned but just move the dates to Monday 24th January and Thursday 27th January. Appointment letters should be with you by the end of this week.

After-school clubs

We have had a tremendous response to our after-school club letter sent out at the end of last week. We will be sending out offer slips with children as soon as we are able. Unfortunately, we have not been able to offer every child a place at the clubs they have selected but we keep a reserve list and these children will be top of the list for the summer term clubs. Thank you once again to all the staff who have volunteered to run a club this term.



PGL

Thank you to all the parents who have responded to our PGL activity weekend letter. We are delighted that so many of our oldest children are keen to challenge themselves by taking part in the outdoor, adventurous activities that will be on offer at Caythorpe Court. Keep an eye out for the letter that will give you reminders about payments. Mr Hoodless will organise a meeting nearer the time to let parents and children know further details.

Keeping in touch



If you change any of your contact details please remember to let the school office know. This is vital should we need to contact you in an emergency. Also, please make sure you are receiving our emails - we regularly send out information and news via email so if we don't have your correct email address you may miss something important!

We also request that parents contact the school office no later than 9.30am if your child is not in school so that we know they are safe and the attendance registers are completed on time. The office staff will ring you if we have not had a message so that we know the reason for your child's absence. If you think you have missed something you can also find information, dates and letters on our noticeboards and also on our website.

www.tattershallprimary.lincs.sch.uk

Lincolnshire Children Safeguarding Partnership

The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's Facebook page is now live on the social media platform. The purpose of this page is to provide information, guidance and signposting to parents, carers, and families. <https://www.facebook.com/lincolnshirescp> Please see our Safeguarding page on our school website for other useful information

<http://www.tattershallprimary.lincs.sch.uk/info/safeguarding.html>

Hot school meals

Hot dinner menus can be found on the website www.thefarmkitchen.com

ALL children in Classes 1, 2 and 3 are entitled to universal free school meals and these can be ordered each week, on the Tuesday prior to the week they will be served. You must order a meal to make sure one is delivered to school. If meals have not been ordered we will contact a parent who must then bring lunch into school.



Free School Meals and how to apply

If you claim any benefits you can find out if your child is eligible for free school meals, whatever their age, by completing a simple check. As school budgets are becoming increasingly stretched the additional funding we receive related to the number of children who qualify for free school meals, helps support all our children with their learning through the Pupil Premium (Please note this is separate to Universal Free School meals that all KS1 children are entitled to because of their age). To apply for free school meals for your child simply go onto the following link online: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/ or contact Lincolnshire County Council Free School Meals Team on 01522 782030

Reception 2022 deadline for applications

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 - CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN THE DATES OF 01/09/2017 AND 31/08/2018

If you wish to apply for a Reception place for September 2022 please apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Read the information on the website about 'how to apply for a school place' and follow the links to the parent portal where you can set up an account, Telephone support is available to help you with your online application. If you require support with your online application or want to make a telephone application, please call the Education Team on 01522 782030.

It is important that your application is received by the closing date 15 January 2022. If you apply after this date, there is no guarantee that your application will be considered along with all others for the national offer date of 19th April.

DIARY DATES

17 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents Evening 3.30-5.20pm (except Class 6)
20 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents Evening 3.30-5.20pm (except Class 6)
24 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 6 Parents Evening
27 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class 6 Parents Evening
11 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PTA Valentines non-uniform day (wear something red alongside uniform)
11 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Term

Take care and thank you all for your continued support.

Catherine Richardson

Headteacher

