

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Covid

We have had 2 positive cases so far this term. Fingers crossed there won't be a spread across the classes like some schools have seen. It's always worth reminding everyone that thorough hand-washing is still very important as well as using hand gel. Remember that if there is a positive case in the house then any family members who live in that household who are over 18 and not had both Covid Vaccines must isolate. Under 18s do not have to isolate unless they test positive and therefore any siblings of children with Covid should still be attending school.

Family members should get a PCR test to check others are ok. If other tests are negative then advice is that it's ok for under 18's and anyone who is double vaccinated to go out again. It normally takes 3-5 days for the tests to be able to pick up signs of the virus so it is a good idea to use LFTs as well which are available from pharmacies.

### Breakfast Club

Our breakfast leaders are saying that some children aren't getting chance to eat all their breakfast so we have decided to open a little earlier. Children may arrive at 8am but not before then please.

Hopefully you are aware that our School Value this half term is DETERMINATION. Our assemblies carry this theme and I'm pleased to say lots of children have been showing me how hard they are trying to be determined. This could extend to home. Children might be determined to go to bed on time or determined to complete their reading. Please support the children with this.

We have also been celebrating different types of music in assemblies and maybe your children might be able to tell you something about The Hallelujah Chorus by Handel (KS2) or The Flower Duet by Delibes (Delamere)...

### Safeguarding and Safety

Mrs Percival has asked me to remind parents to read, sign and return to school the home-school agreements please.

Also, a reminder about Operation Encompass. This is a police initiative whereby if there is an incident at home that involves a police call-out, then we should receive a notification by email. This is purely so that we are able to support children in school if it is needed. Most of the time there is nothing that needs doing but it is important that you are aware. There may be times when we need to call about something.

Finally, we are often in a difficult situation where we are notified of an incident and expected to notify parents or notify social care. It gives us no pleasure contacting parents with this kind of thing but our primary concern is the children in our care so please bear this in mind when responding. Thank you.

### One last bit of good news...

You may have noticed we have a new member of staff in Grizedale... Miss Londesborough is now Mrs Heath! After her wedding was moved many times she finally managed to tie the knot. Congratulations to them both!! Heath is certainly an easier name to spell and hopefully this is the last time I type Londesborough!! ☺

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Thank you and have a lovely weekend ☺