



COVID-19 Update

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your continued support in following the COVID restrictions on site since the children returned to school in March.

Whilst the country's restrictions have begun to ease, there is still a high level of concern over new variants of the virus and the number of cases in parts of the country. Local schools are still reporting that bubbles are being sent home to isolate and we know that the new variant has already been found in a West Bromwich primary school. We therefore need to continue to try to minimise risk as much as possible.

Therefore, there are no changes to the measures school have in place to tackle the spread of the virus. Until the end of this academic year, we will not be holding assemblies. Sports Days will take place in bubbles and parents sadly, will not be invited on site for these events. If we are able to run a Breakfast Club at all, it will not return until September, at the earliest and parents' evening in July will remain virtual. We will however be sending letters out in a COVID-secure way and pupils can bring in bags and lunchboxes into school. This is not how any of us wanted to end the school year, but thank you for your understanding and support.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF:

- they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive
- they are showing any of the main symptoms

If they are showing symptoms, please get your child tested with a PCR test

PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY IF:

- your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive
- your child is symptomatic
- your child has tested positive (in this case, please use school email addresses to contact staff if the result comes during the weekend)

Attendance

School attendance has been mandatory for all pupils since 8th March. Therefore it is important that should your child be absent from school that you contact us giving the reason as to why they unable to attend. If children have appointments that cannot be taken out of school hours, please pass on evidence of this to the school office.

If your child is absent for COVID-related reasons, please inform school immediately, following the advice on this newsletter.

If you cannot give a valid reason for your child's absence from school, it could be recorded as an unauthorised absence. This could lead to a referral to the Attendance and Prosecution Service and in some circumstances, may lead to legal action and a fine.

We do not expect children to be in school if they are ill, but we do not want them to miss out on their learning.

Sandwell Action for Children

Sandwell Action for Children offers a range of support to families. They run weekly groups and can offer financial advice and support with regards to parenting and for those seeking employment. Please see Mrs Paddock for details.

BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME

Severn Trent are currently offering support to families who may be having difficulty paying their water bills. To apply visit

www.bigdiff.co.uk

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	Half Term Week
Monday 7 th June	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 8 th June to Friday 11 th June	The Great British Clean Up week
Tuesday 22 nd June	Y5/6 Sports Day
Monday 28 th June	EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 30 th June	Y3/4 Sports Day
Thursday 1 st July	Y1/2 Sports Day
Friday 9 th July	Leavers' party
Tuesday 13 th July	Parents' Evening (virtual or phone calls)
Friday 16 th July	Leavers' assembly
Wednesday 21 st July	Break up for summer holidays
Thursday 22 nd July to Wed 1 st September	Summer holidays

Year 6 Leavers' Presentation – CHANGE OF DATE

Due to Y6 transition days on 8th and 9th July, the Year 6 Leavers' assembly has been rearranged to take place on 16th July. Please note that due to COVID restrictions, this is likely to take place outdoors and will not be a performance, but will take the form of a presentation. It is also important to note that this will only take place at all if it is deemed safe to do so. We will of course keep you informed and we thank you for your understanding.

Sandwell Libraries – Half Term

Sandwell Libraries will be running a number of activities over the half-term holiday. Please see the Sandwell and school websites for more details.