



Northbourne News

21st January 2022

I hope you have all had a good week. I know that Covid continues to cause disruption for lots of you at the moment, and I hope those children who have tested positive aren't feeling too unwell. Cases have risen significantly across the school this week – especially in Key Stage One – so a reminder to please continue to look out for your child displaying any of the three Covid symptoms: new and continuous cough **OR** temperature **OR** loss of or change to sense of taste or smell. If your child shows any of these, please ensure they isolate and arrange a PCR test. A reminder of the other regulations which came into effect on Monday this week:

- Lateral Flow Tests continue to be useful to identify asymptomatic Covid. A positive Lateral Flow Test currently does **not** need to be confirmed with a PCR test. Please remember to log results with NHS Test and Trace.
- The day of the positive LFT or the first symptoms being shown is day 0.
- For anyone who tests positive, LFTs can be taken on day 5 and day 6. If both tests are negative, isolation can end and children return to school after the negative test **on day 6**.

Home learning: Teachers are working hard to set work for children who have tested positive for Covid but are still well enough to learn. As I know you understand, this is at the same time as them teaching their pupils who are in school, and creates significantly additional workload. Can I please ask that, if you have asked for work to be set, this is completed – I am sure you can understand the frustration caused when work is requested and then not tackled. Thanks to those parents who have passed on their thanks to teachers for the work they have uploaded too – it is always much appreciated.

My School Fund

Many thanks to those parents who have registered with My School Fund since the last newsletter – we are now up to about 20 families. If you have not yet looked at this, a reminder that this scheme gives you back 2% of what you spend in Sainsburys and Argos, and gives school 1% of this. With just three parents registered last year, we have recently received £80 for the school budget. Registering is quick and easy – please take a moment to visit the website and consider joining up as, if just three parents can raise £80, we stand to raise considerable amounts to support our school budget through this simple scheme.

Of course, huge thanks to those of you who have already registered.

Oxfordshire County Council consultations

Special Educational Needs: OCC have launched 2 inter-linked consultations on SEND this week, with both running until Thursday 10th March.

- The council and its partners are seeking views on a draft [Local Area SEND Strategy](#) to develop high-quality services across education, health, and social care to support children and young people and their families.
- Oxfordshire County Council's [proposals for system reform for SEND](#) include making more high-quality SEND education available closer to home, reducing reliance on out-of-county provision, and improving educational outcomes for children through closer partnerships between the council and schools.

There is one feedback survey in which you can respond to one or both consultations. You can find this survey and the key documents at: letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022

Online events will be held to introduce the consultation and answer any questions about the proposals for SEND on the following dates and times: Monday 31 January: 5.00pm – 6.30pm; Thursday 3 February: 8.30am – 10.00am; Saturday 5 February: 9.00am – 10.30am; Wednesday 9 February: 2.30pm – 4.00pm; Wednesday 16 February: 1.00pm – 2.30pm - event for children and young people

You can book a space at letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022

Road Safety: Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team are constantly looking to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide to parents and carers. To help us achieve this, we are evaluating the effectiveness of the Footsteps (Child Pedestrian safety advice for parents / carers) programme and would like parents and carers to help by completing an online questionnaire.

If you would like to keep your child safer on our roads, please visit [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) where you can download a copy of the Footsteps leaflet to provide you with guidance to support your child in becoming a safer and, eventually, an independent pedestrian. Once you have downloaded the Footsteps guide, the link to the survey can be found further down the page, please click on the link to complete the short questionnaire which will then help us to keep all children safer.

Library visit

On Wednesday Owls will be going on a short trip to Didcot library, to take part in a session run by the librarians. As we will be walking to and from the library, please ensure children bring a coat with them to school. Please let Miss Kellock know if you have any questions.

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