



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well.

Firstly, the staff and I would like to thank you for making a fantastic start with Teams and accessing the trial assignments and homework tasks. This platform also has resources for pupils to access in times of self-isolation due to Covid-19, for example, when a household member is awaiting a test result. Should a pupil or staff member test positive for Covid-19 at any time, and a whole bubble is required to self-isolate, work will be set for each day via Teams, so please continue to access it and become familiar with it should this need to happen. If you have any questions, or require support, please do contact the School Office.

As you will be aware, according to the latest government announcements, Cambridgeshire will be in Tier 2 as from 2nd December (this is due to be reviewed on 16th December). This means 'no mixing of households indoors (apart from specific support bubbles); you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place. You must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or public space - the rule of 6'.

We are hoping to remain fully open until we break for Christmas on 18th December and we plan to reopen for the Spring Term on 5th January. It is imperative that we all continue to do our utmost and follow the guidance in order to protect everyone. Please encourage everyone to follow the guidelines out of school so that our children and staff are not unduly placed at greater risk.

Please find attached helpful guidance in relation to Self-Isolation and Absence, which has previously been circulated, for your reference. If anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, do not send your child to school. The whole household must self-isolate and the person displaying symptoms should telephone 119 to book a test.

Lastly, we must continue to ensure good ventilation in school throughout this period as this is a key measure in reducing the risk of transmission. Although we have the heating on, our windows are fully open and the inside temperature is lower than it would normally be. Please ensure your child comes to



school in a base layer under their polo shirt and sweatshirt, if they feel cold. Some children are opting to wear a school fleece as well as their sweatshirt. However, most children are reporting that they are comfortable in their classrooms and are happy in their usual layers.

Thank you very much for your continued support. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

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