

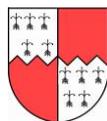
PROPELLER ACADEMY TRUST
Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, a huge thank you from everyone at school for your patience and understanding in what has been an extremely challenging term. As you are aware, we are still struggling with staff shortages and a high level of illness within the school. Not only have we had numerous COVID cases in pupils and staff (some asymptomatic cases picked up on both LFT and PCR tests and some with symptoms that do not appear on the government guidance) there are a number of illnesses circulating within the school typically found at this time of the year including coughs, colds, sickness and diarrhoea.

As a Special School, we continue to reach the threshold of COVID infection rates according to the government guidance which means that if we get a confirmed case of COVID in the school we have been advised to implement the following measures:

- Wearing of face coverings
- Social isolation for any close contacts or household contacts of those testing positive until they receive a negative PCR test result
- Social isolation for siblings of positive cases until they have a negative PCR test

We are in touch with the Local Authority and PHE to ensure that we are following all the correct procedures to keep everyone in our community as safe as possible whilst at school.

As a reminder, the policy for managing sickness and diarrhoea is:

Children and adults with diarrhoea or vomiting should be excluded until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and they are well enough to return. If medication is prescribed, ensure that the full course is completed and there is no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours after the course is completed.



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We are keeping to our infection control regimes and ask that any member of staff or child who is presenting with an illness to stay at home until they are completely well.

On a lighter note, preparations for Christmas have begun in school with the tree and post box in the front entrance. Rehearsals are going well for performances, things that we desperately missed last year!

Funds raised at Didcot Street Fair! – Friends of Fitzwaryn worked extremely hard to organise a stall at the Didcot Street Fair in the Orchard Centre on Sunday – thank you so very much for all of your donations of chocolate and to those of you who manned the stall. I am delighted to say that the stall raised a fantastic **£207.00!!**

The next Friends of Fitzwaryn fundraising event is at Blewbury Christmas Market, Blewbury Village Hall on 12th December 10am – 12noon. Christmas cards and tote bags will be available to purchase from the stall. There are also craft stalls, cakes, sweets, jewellery, raffles and tombolas so pop along if you can!

Please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office should you have any queries about your child at school.

With very best wishes

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Headteacher