

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents / Carers

As we start the summer term we wanted to provide you with the latest information on our management of COVID-19 (C19) in school. The free and routine C19 tests ended on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and schools are no longer required to record registers of cases or test results for staff or pupils.

From the DFE, "Following expert advice, we now know that Covid presents a low risk of serious illness to most children and young people, and most of those who are fully vaccinated. Due to high immunity in society, a greater understanding of the virus and improved access to treatments, we can now focus on how we live with COVID-19. This means we don't expect pupils or staff in education settings to routinely test themselves for COVID-19".

However, if your child has any symptoms of C19, has a temperature or does not feel well enough to attend school you should follow the NHS advice which is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result is advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with others for five days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is to stay at home for three days.

Our school will continue to help manage the spread of infection. We will encourage eligible pupils to take up the national vaccination programme, keep occupied spaces well ventilated and will maintain our good hygiene practices such as hand washing and cleaning.

Parents can [book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment online](#), by speaking to their GP or calling 119. Parents of 5-11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information. Online vaccination bookings for 5-11 year olds has recently opened.

For further information please refer to [this document](#).

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I am sure that you will be aware that 2022 is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. And throughout this term, our pupils will be encouraged to explore her 70-year reign and consider what it means to be British.

Term 5 will end for the holidays on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**, on that day we will all celebrate the Jubilee with a Beacon School Street Party.

Term 6 will begin on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

The final day of the school year will be **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**. The Friday is being given as an extra day off to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee due to the special bank holiday falling within the half term holiday.

Pupils will return to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September - staff training day

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - staff training day.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have.

Yours faithfully

Beverley Evans

