

January Newsletter from Cromford Church of England Primary School

Snow and bad weather

The combination of snow and floods over the last week have added another layer to an already challenging time for us all.

A huge thank you to those parents of children attending school who were able to make alternative arrangements on Monday. Whilst this was not possible for all of the Critical Worker children, we really appreciate those who could keep their children at home. We have to consider staffing levels in addition to the Covid restrictions which means we can't mix the bubbles of children in school.

Covid symptoms and staff testing

Just a reminder that if your child is showing any of the symptoms of Covid, they should not be in school and you will need to arrange a test for them.

Starting this week, all school staff will be able to take a Lateral Flow COVID-19 test twice a week. Staff will take these tests at home at an interval of 3 - 4 days apart each week. This is a rapid results test and is used to identify asymptomatic cases.

As with previous guidelines, positive test outcomes will likely lead to periods of self-isolation and further testing. Parents of any children who are currently in school must be prepared for the closure of a bubble at short notice. Please make sure you have a back-up plan ready to implement in the event that your child has to isolate for a period of time and therefore cannot attend school.

If there is a positive case which means your child's bubble will be closed, we will contact you via text message and email as soon as we can. We will then send home letters the following day with the times and more detailed instructions. If we inform you that your child's bubble will be closed then please note it will be your child who needs to isolate and not the entire family. Your family will need to isolate only if you are waiting for the result of a COVID test for someone in your household or if someone in your household is positive.

Remember to look at our school website - <u>www.cromfordcofeschool.com</u> The school is now on Twitter, @CromfordPrimary - please follow us. School lunches - £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week If your child is ill please telephone the school before 10.00 am on the first day of absence.

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Thank you

Finally, we'd like to say a huge thank you to you all for the support you are giving. A number of us are juggling the challenges of work alongside remote learning for our own children, and we understand how hard this can be. The dark, cold and often rainy/snowy weather hasn't helped and we all appreciate the ways in which you are working with us to get through this together.

If you are struggling to get your child to engage, please don't worry. Please get in touch if we can help at all.

Term Dates - 2020/2021

Spring Term (2021)

Term 3 (2021) (6 weeks)

INSET 3 - Monday, 18th January (cancelled)

Monday, 4th January to Friday, 12th February

HALF-TERM - Monday, 15th to 19th February

Term 4 (6 weeks and 4 days)

Monday, 22nd February to Thursday, 1st April

Easter Break - Friday, 2nd to Friday, 16th April

(Good Friday - 2nd April and Easter Monday - 5th April)

Summer Term

Term 5 (6 weeks)

INSET 4 - Monday, 19th April

Tuesday, 20th April to Friday, 28th May

May Day - Monday, 3rd May

HALF-TERM - Monday, 31st May to Friday, 4th June (Bank Holiday - Monday, 31st May)

Term 6 (6 weeks and 4 days)

INSET 5 - Monday, 7th June

Tuesday, 8th June to Thursday, 22nd July