

OLD FLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly update - Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Latest news:

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday we look forward to welcoming everyone back on 8th March. I am sure this is wonderful news for many and a source of anxiety for others. Please rest assured that we will take all necessary precautions and follow national and local guidance to ensure our full return is as smooth and safe as possible. At the present time there will be no change to the previous start and end times of the day and we will continue to use separate entrances. We will continue in March as we started in September.

Many staff in school are participating in lateral flow testing which identifies asymptomatic Covid cases. This does mean that should we have a positive case they will then have to have a follow up PCR test which is deemed more accurate, this does not necessarily mean the member of staff is positive for Covid so please bear with us if staff are in school one day but not the next and then back again, as happened in Year 1 prior to half term. Only if a positive PCR test is recorded will we inform you in the normal contact trace way and close bubbles as necessary. Another barrier for our full opening has been the government's change in definition of vulnerable and staff being contacted to self isolate. This means we are running on a very skeleton staff and this obviously limits the provision, curriculum and opportunities we would normally offer. At this point I am able to confirm that Breakfast Club will be open as usual however, I am unable to confirm at this stage whether After School Club will be open.

As we receive more guidance and information I will keep you informed.

Maternity Leave Update

It was wonderful to have Mrs Brook and Mrs Finnerty back in school just before half term. They are working together in Year 4 covering Mrs Veneziano's class while she (and Mrs Gunn) complete their second placement school requirement of their training. Also, I am delighted to share that Miss Cross is expecting her first baby - huge congratulations to her - the baby boom continues and the Fletton Family keeps growing!

Curriculum and Timetables

In the background I have attended some online training by Mary Myatt and carried out additional reading on curriculum development and design. This will inform our review of our curriculum offer from September alongside a new opportunity to work with the 'Haringey Curriculum' to see how this may enhance the work we already do. The Haringey Curriculum is a Peterborough Council promoted curriculum which is designed to impact particularly on History and Geography teaching and learning. From September we are introducing changes to our timetable to allow greater time for foundation subjects, the purpose is to ensure we have a full breadth of curriculum offer that does not get squeezed under the weight of the Maths, English and Science curriculums. We will publish this when everything has been finalised, at the moment it is a work in progress.

Online & in-school attendance for the week ending 12th February:

Punctuality is essential for your child to fully access online learning just as it would be for a normal school day.

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| 2CC | 90.0% | 3KL | 90.7% | 4HV | 93.6% | 5SF | 82.0% | 6SS | 89.3% |