



Happy New Year

May the New Year bring new goals, new happiness, and new blessings.

Our children have returned to school after the Christmas break with smiles on their faces. There is a real buzz of excitement around school as they talk to their friends and engage in their learning. Long may this continue!

We hope that you were able to relax and spend some time with family and friends over the Christmas and New Year and we would like to thank you for kind words and gifts received by staff.

We apologise for the delay in the release of diary dates for this term as we were waiting for potential changes to government advice regarding restrictions. We are however, pleased to be able to plan the usual spring term events and will be sharing the diary dates for this term very shortly.

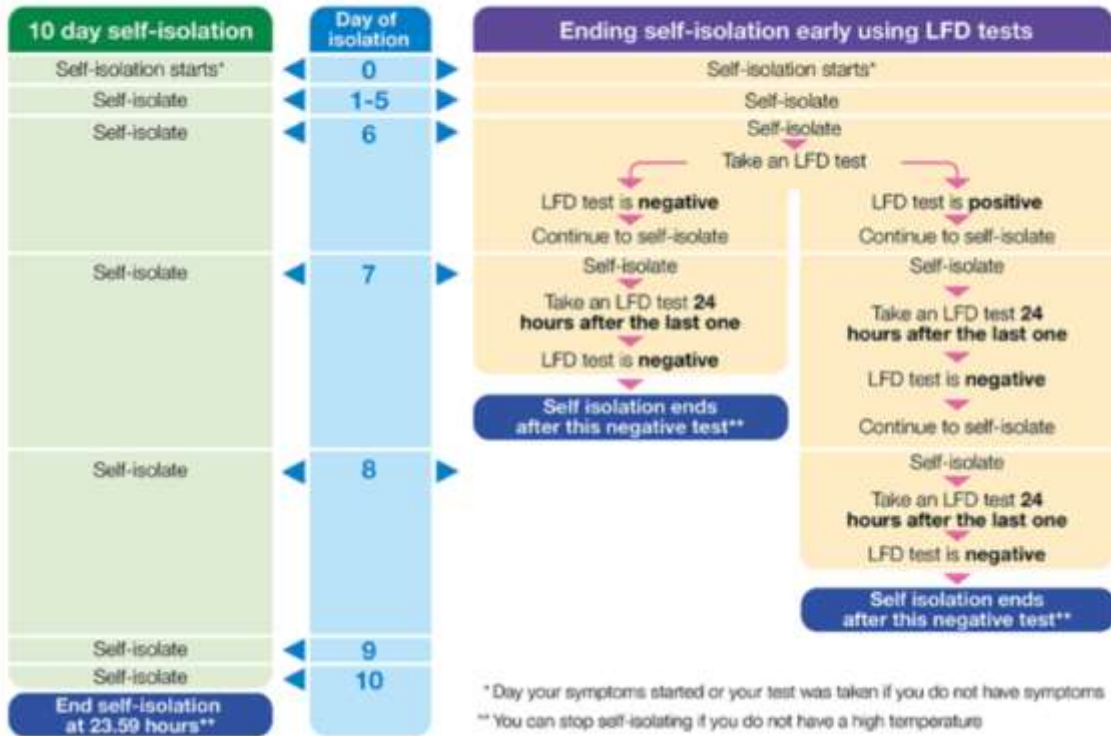
COVID-19 UPDATE

Please do not send your child into school if they have symptoms of COVID-19. This is to ensure that we continue to look after the health of our whole school community. A child with symptoms, or feeling generally unwell and you are concerned that the symptoms might be due to COVID-19, should be kept at home and receive a negative PCR test before they return to school.

There have been a number of adaptations to self-isolation requirements. Please see flow chart below with current guidance for self-isolation.

Should you require access to the main school reception, we request that one family only enter the building at a time. Thank you for your understanding.

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



WELCOME

A warm Deanery welcome to Mrs Turner who has joined us and will be teaching in Year 5.



Welcome back to Mrs Collister who has returned from maternity leave and will be teaching in Year 5.



POLITE REMINDER

We respectfully ask that parents and pupils do not walk across the MUGA. This is to protect the MUGA from excessive footfall and ensure the longevity of the MUGA for the use of the children.

For health and safety reasons, may we please also remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school site.

Thank you for your co-operation.

BEHAVIOUR

We are so excited to start the next step of our new behaviour journey, we will be collecting tokens for showing our school rules: ready, respectful, safe and then 'donating' those tokens to our chosen charities #communityspirit #forthegreatergood. #pivotaleducation



COMIC / MAGAZINE REQUEST

If you are having a post-Christmas clear out and have any children's comics or magazines that are no longer wanted, could we trouble you to send them in as we would like to continue to provide a rich range of texts within our classroom reading areas.



Thank you in advance!

Programmes of Study Spring 1



Our Programmes of Study for Spring 1 have now been uploaded to the website - here you can find out all of the great knowledge and skills that we will be learning over the next half term.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor, 6.5 hours per week. Please see the advert on the school website to find out more details. Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested.

<https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

School Nurse

Please follow the link below for an updated telephone number and email address for the School Nursing Team. If you have any concerns or worries around the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact the School Nursing team. [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here](#)



Parent Readers is BACK!!

Deanery needs you!!

Could you give up an hour a week to support a reading group in school?

Parent readers will run 2:15pm-3:00pm on Thursday afternoons from 20th January and are concluded by tea, coffee and biscuits!

(Could the lure of a biscuit persuade you?!).

These forty-five minute sessions will be run by a member of staff and involve reading with two/three children.

They are fantastic fun and enjoyable and the children really benefit from getting one to one attention when reading.

Parents who have previously attended have all expressed how rewarding it is and as teachers, we see the benefits in enthusiasm and quality derived from the reading by the children.

Numbers may be limited initially to adhere to social distancing and we will ask that any volunteers take a lateral flow test before coming into school.

If you are interested, or would just like to come along to a 'taster session' please complete the slip below and return it to school by Thursday 13th January.

There is no obligation to commit to all of the sessions; any support you can offer is gratefully received!

Thanks in advance for your support

Miss Morris

PARENT READING GROUPS

Name of child _____ Class _____

Name of parent helper _____

Dates available (please circle) -:

Thurs 20 th Jan	Thurs 27 th Jan	Thurs 3 rd Feb	Thurs 10 th Feb
Thurs 17 th Feb	Thurs 3 rd March	Thurs 10 th March	Thurs 17 th March
Thurs 24 th March	Thurs 31 st March	Thurs 7 th April	