



Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School

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**We are all part of God's family. Through trying our best in all that we do, we find a sense of belonging.
1 Corinthians 12:27 'All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it'.**

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas. It was great to see the children returning to school with such enthusiasm, although I think some parents were somewhat enthusiastic too!

It is important that we keep you updated on the new Government advice for schools in light of the high numbers of COVID infections due to the new Omicron variant. In order to try to reduce COVID transmissions after a period of social mixing during the holidays I would appreciate if pupils continue testing via a lateral flow test, twice weekly and to report all results to NHS Test and Trace and also inform us at the school of any positive results. This should be done via admin.hps@osborne.coop.

Even if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing, once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.

I have been advised, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. If your child tests positive, they may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. If they get two negative test results 24 hours apart, and do not have a high temperature, they are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation and can return to school from day 8.

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, they should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. This means that siblings do not have to isolate.

As previously advised, if your child is off school because they are unwell, they will not be set work by the class teacher. This includes children who have confirmed COVID 19, but may not be displaying any symptoms.

We are aware that even if a child is sick, they may still wish to engage in learning and as a parent that is your decision to make. However, as previously stated we are unable to set work. Below is a list of websites that your child can log on to free of charge and complete challenges and games. All children also have access to Times Tables Rockstars and SORA which are provided by the school.

<https://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/>

<https://phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

<https://www.education.com/>

<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/>

If a class teacher is absent from school due to ill health, work will be set by other staff members. The class teacher will not be expected to mark work given in the classroom. Work may be marked by the cover staff in place.

Please note that all adults entering the school grounds are kindly requested to wear a face mask. Unfortunately, the school office remains closed but please contact the school via email admin.hps@osborne.coop or telephone (when phone lines are repaired) 01375 673260. Admin staff will not be able to take forgotten items to classrooms so please ensure all items are given to your children before school.

As always, the priority is to keep the children and staff safe.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs D Bradley - Head of School



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