

1st March 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to school and I hope that you all had a restful half term, in spite of the strong winds we experienced. This term, children in Year 4 and 5 will be enjoying their first swimming lessons, as classes, in two years. Year 5 will be heading to Grafham Waters in the next couple of weeks. Year 3 and 4 will be heading to Bushcraft next term and Year 6 to PGL after their SATs. It is a wonderful feeling, knowing that we are in a better position to begin to start extra curricula outdoor learning for our children again.

COVID update.

You will no doubt have been following closely the announcements made by the Government last week to end the majority of COVID-19 restrictions. This letter summarises the Government's main points as they affect Harrold Primary Academy and any additional advice we are offering as a result.

From the 24th February, there will be no legal requirement to self-isolate after a positive test or, for those over 18 who are not vaccinated, to isolate for 10 days. However, children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their school while they are infectious. We are also advising staff who have tested positive not to attend school. Both staff and pupils are advised to take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both test results are negative, they should return to school if they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

We ask that you do not send your child to school if they have Covid symptoms. The current advice from the Department for Education (DfE) outlines that Principals can refuse access to school if a pupil has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or any of the three COVID-19 symptoms.

There is no requirement to wear face coverings in school, either in lessons or in communal areas, but we recognise and respect that there will be some parents and staff members who will want to continue to do so.

It is still the expectation that pupils living in a household with someone who has tested positive attend school, unless they have COVID symptoms.

Thank you for your continued support as we move to a different phase of this pandemic.

Yours sincerely,



Ms D K Brown
Academy Principal