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Grange First Weekly News



Dear families

The children have continued to work hard this week in school. I have held Pupil Progress Meetings with individual teachers over the last few days to talk about the progress and attainment each child has made this year. I have been impressed with the progress they have made despite the lockdown, absences due to self isolation and the restrictions that have been in place in school. This demonstrates the resilience of our children to keep learning whatever obstacle is thrown in their pathway. I would also like to thank our teaching staff who have continued to make learning as fun and creative as they possibly can despite the restrictions in school. We will be looking at our data carefully over the next few weeks so that we can continue to address any gaps in learning from September.

Covid Update

The numbers of positive Covid cases in Newcastle continue to rise. I have received the following advice from the local authority:

- **If you are a close contact of a confirmed positive case, you must now get a PCR test.** If you receive a negative result, this DOES NOT change or affect your isolation period, you MUST continue to isolate and complete the full 10 days isolation.
- Whilst the most common symptoms of COVID-19 are, a new continuous cough, a high temperature and/or a loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell, these are not the only symptoms and these symptoms do not always present themselves. The new variant is more likely to cause headaches or cold like symptoms. It is therefore important that you **do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell for any reason. Please 'think COVID-19' first.**

At Grange, we currently have 10 children self isolating as they have been identified as being close contacts with someone who has tested positive. These cases are not connected to school but it does demonstrate that Covid is still here and cases are rising in our local community. **Please can I remind parents to wear face masks on the school yard.** Drop off and pick up times are very busy and it's not always possible to socially distance. Wearing a mask does help to prevent the spread of Covid.

We have noticed a few children and parents scooting and cycling on the yard. Can I remind you that if your child cycles or scoots to school, they need to dismount at the school gate and store their bike/ scooter in our shelters.

Thanks for your support

Clare Clougher

