

Weekly Bulletin

May 14th 2021



Swift Class Tennis superstars!

Following the Prime Minister's announcement this week, Cambridgeshire and the rest of England is preparing to move to the next stage of the government's roadmap out of lockdown, from Monday 17th May.

From Monday, there will be a further relaxation of the rules relating to families, individuals and businesses, but it is clear that the pandemic is not yet over. Locally people are still being admitted to hospital with COVID-19, and many are suffering the effects of "long COVID." We must take great care to ensure that the virus cannot spiral out of control again, and this includes taking a careful approach to how we operate school and preschool

Testing remains essential – for both staff and pupils. It is our key protective measure against the virus: it is vital that all results of tests taken by pupils are reported to the local authority via the school. **Please make sure everyone in your house aged over 11 is taking two lateral flow (rapid) tests every week and reporting the results.** If the rapid test is positive, book a PCR (laboratory) test immediately. There is support available for people who must legally self-isolate if they or their children test positive.

Please note that all the protective measures we have seen throughout COVID remain in place in school including the need to minimise group sizes through bubbles and handwashing. Our Local Authority encourages us to remain vigilant and keep protective measures in place. These will be reconsidered at step 4 but we are not there yet!

Whilst new guidance no longer recommends face coverings to be worn by pupils in school, face coverings should still be worn by parents, staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is

not possible. With more strict measures for response to particular localized outbreaks, including variants of concern. **We still ask our parents to wear facemasks when dropping off and collecting pupils.**

Reducing household mixing and keeping your distance from people you don't live with (as well as washing your hands often) remains our best defence against the pandemic. For this reason, parents' evenings will remain online for the rest of the summer term. The customary "taster day" visits from Year 6 pupils moving up to secondary school may not happen either. If this is the case, alternative transition arrangements will be made.

We are grateful for your support through this dreadful time, which has been key to our efforts to protect and support your children. We ask that this support continues for a while longer, as schools and communities manage the final stretch of the pandemic.

Next Week in School

Kitting out the kids for the summer term? Or would you like to get a head start on buying uniform for September? **Our PTA will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale during morning drop offs (8.30am-9.10am) on Wednesday 19th May in the school car park (weather permitting).**

Come and bag a bargain! Pre-loved school logo fleeces and jumpers will be on sale for £2, logo polo shirts, pinafores, dresses, trousers and skirts will be £1 and non-logo polo shirts will be 50p. We can take card or cash, but no change can be given.

Please note, due to the current restrictions, parents will not be able to touch the items on sale. PTA volunteers wearing masks and gloves will be on hand to hold up items to help parents view them before buying. All of the clothing will have been quarantined for 72 hours before the sale. Thank you for your support!

With a busy summer ahead, our [School Uniform Supplier](#) is aiming to complete and deliver school orders before the end of the summer term. To help us achieve this, placed on or before June 7th.



From the Team at Meldreth Primary School – we wish you well!