



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT/CARER UPDATE

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General Update for Parents/Carers - Monday 12th September 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Please take the time to read the update below...

School Closure for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral

Over the weekend, the Department for Education announced that all schools will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral. Florence Melly Community Primary School will be closed on this date and will reopen on Tuesday 20th September at 8:45am.

Positive Cases of Covid

Over the weekend we have been made aware of a few cases of Covid in our school. We would like to remind all parents/carers of the guidance around keeping children off school.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19, they are to stay off school for three full days after the day of the test. So if the child tests positively on a Monday, day one is Tuesday, day two is Wednesday and day three is Thursday. The child would then return to school on Friday (if they are well enough and they **do not have a temperature** - the latter being really important). Do not send your child back into school if they still have a temperature. Those who test positive for Covid do not have to return a negative test anymore.

Please be vigilant to the main symptoms of Covid in children. The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu. These can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

Start Times and Class Doors Closing

We would like to remind all parents/carers that the school gates open at 8:45am and lessons start promptly at 8:55am. Teaching staff will head from the playground to class at 8:55am. All gates and classroom doors will be closed at 9:00am by the Senior Leaders on duty. All children arriving after this time are to go to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

The Florence Melly Team

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