

# SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week 30 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter which has just one, very important, update this week and a few nuggets as always! Let's get started!

**COVID and Remote Learning Guidance:** Below are some of the key changes from the most recent DfE guidance for schools in bullet points. With these changes in mind we will now follow our adjusted Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plans (see online and attached to the weekly email with this newsletter attached). We also attach our latest Remote Learning Policy. **The Learning Log should be used for the first day of absence (whether this is day zero or one) but staff will send work to pupils who are absent due to COVID (not generally ill or on holiday) that mirrors the work being covered in class for the other days. Parents must inform the school office ASAP if they require work for their child, providing photographic evidence of the positive lateral flow test where this is possible (and not at any extra cost to the family). Please note that the work sent home must be completed and returned to school when the child is well enough to attend.**

- There is no longer an expectation on pupils or staff to routinely test.
- For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19 it is advised for them to isolate for **three days**.
- For adults who test positive it is advised that they should stay at home and avoid contact with others for **five days**.
- There is no longer a requirement for outbreak reporting to the Department of Education or the Local Authority.

To clarify, children can now return after the third day of isolation as long as they are well enough to do so and they do not have a high temperature. The rules on 'day zero' remain as per the example given below.

e.g. Start with symptoms or test positive for COVID on Monday

Day 1- absent from school- Tuesday

Day 2- absent from school- Wednesday

Day 3- absent from school- Thursday

Day 4- return to school (if well enough and no concerns about temperature) Friday

The same is true of staff/adults in school but after 5 full days (they would be 'free' from the Sunday using the example above). Please note that children do not need a negative test to return. COVID will affect a child's attendance and any children with attendance below 90% for the school year would still be classed as persistently absent which is referred to our Education Welfare Officer, Mr Buckle as standard as per school procedures. We do log where pupils have been absent with COVID and have been well enough to complete school work as this means that their education is not missed. While we cannot award an attendance mark this clearly represents the best endeavours of the family and school to learn if the child is well enough to do so!

## News Nuggets:

- All clubs should be collected from the front reception area or the hall fire doors except Monday Football Club (field)
- PE days and topics for this term have been tweeted and emailed out for your information
- Please keep up to date with payments for school meals, music tuition, etc as much as possible
- A huge well done to our fantastic musical instrument players last week who were incredible! It was so lovely to be back face-to-face at an event for families to enjoy too! A massive well done to them all on their wonderful progress and a special mention for Max in Y6 who won the Hilary Smith Award for talent and Isabelle in Y4 who won the Jack Sykes Award for effort and a love of music! Lots of clips and pictures are on Twitter to enjoy from late last night!

Have a fabulous week everyone!

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

## School Statistics- Week 29

Attendance: 97.5% Classes of the Week: Y5 and Nursery with 99.3% Late marks: 0 GOOD to be GREEN: 98.7%

## Mini Diary- Week 30

**Well-being theme: Diversity and music of the week: Gershwin (classical)**

**Dinner menu: Week 2**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Wellbeing Zoom for families (6-7pm online) link to be sent out Wednesday morning- all welcome

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>:** Swim Safe assembly (Y3-6) and selected pupils at Y2 football skills event at PGS (4-5.15pm)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>:** Y5 swimming session, Y2 Synagogue visit all day

