



WAVERTON C P SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. I would love to be writing a newsletter that doesn't have reference to COVID-19 but unfortunately we had to send the year 3 class bubble home this morning after being informed of a positive case. If you have not heard from us then your child is not a contact of the case and does not need to self-isolate. Obviously the timing of this news is difficult for everyone but I want to thank all the parents who had to drop everything to return to school – I know this won't have been easy

### **Test n Trace**

After the end of the day, today, parents/carers should continue to notify the school if their child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) **up to 48 hours after the final day of term by emailing [admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk) This will be up until 3.30pm on Sunday 20th December.** Parents/guardians should also arrange a test for their child as soon as possible, 2 suggested sites are:

#### **Little Roodee Testing Centre, Chester**

*This is a walk-through site located on the Little Roodee car park, in Castle Drive, CH1 1SL.*

#### **Sealand Road Park and Ride Testing Centre, Chester**

*This is a walk-through site located on Sealand Road Park and Ride, Chester, CH1 4QL.*

Once we have a confirmation of a positive test result, again this can be done by emailing [admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk), we will then notify parents by email if their child is a contact and has to self-isolate.

### **Self –isolation during the holidays for your child will mean:**

- **Your child not leaving the family home**
- **Not having visitors to your home**

**Once confirmed as a contact your child will have to self-isolate for 10 days, which could be up to and including December 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 (depending on the last contact).**

We would like to remind parents that children should only be tested if they develop any of the three COVID-19 symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this 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 (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

They should not be tested asymptotically (when they don't have symptoms) unless they are part of a study or have been advised to do so by a Consultant in Public Health.

As a reminder going into next term, children should not be sent into school if someone in the household bubble is symptomatic and awaiting the results of a test. The whole household bubble should be self-isolating at least until the results are known.

### **Fundraising**

The recent non-uniform day we had to support children in families who find themselves in challenging circumstances provided enough goodies to fill 140 bags. The year 6 pupils enjoyed spending time putting them together and thank everyone who sent donations in.

<https://twitter.com/WavertonPrimary/status/1334074635227459584/photo/1>

Christmas Jumper day raised £146.00 via the JustGiving page.

### **Infant Christmas Play**



Due to the restrictions we had to be very creative in how we arranged the Key Stage 1 Christmas Show this year. As the hall was not available we cleared the school library and managed to find enough room to erect the stage. The children were then filmed in their different year groups performing their dances and songs before the year 2 took to the stage to tell the story. George, the cameraman then edited and pieced it all together. A lot of hard work went into ensuring that it all came together so well. A huge thank you should go to all the staff and children who took part and in particular to Miss Tandy and the year 2 staff and pupils. Well done everyone.

### **Attendance**

Thank you for helping to ensure your child's/children's regular attendance in school despite any concerns you may have around the virus. For this half term pupil attendance in school, including COVID related absence, has been 98%, which is higher than for the same period last year -(96%).

### **Staying Safe Online**

Many of us will be relying on tech over Christmas. The guides below show how parents can support children to be safer online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/>

## **Cheshire West and Chester 2020 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment**

### **Parent and Carers Survey**

Cheshire West and Chester Council are updating their Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA). The CSA helps the Council find out if there are enough childcare places in the area, and if parents and carers can access the childcare that is right for them.

This year's survey also include a necessary focus on Covid-19. We especially want to hear how Covid-19 has affected your use of childcare and early years support.

Please complete this survey and have your say about childcare - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CWCparents>

### **Thanks**

I would like to thank the PTA for their continued support including running the Christmas draw and helping to ensure the children had fun at their Christmas parties on Wednesday. The Parish Council for the Christmas Tree and decorations and Claire Fletcher for taking the time to come into school to decorate the school tree and trees within the grounds with the help of the PTA. Thanks to all parents and carers for bearing with us and following the arrangements we have had to put into place for the beginning and end of the school day.

### **Welcome**

I want to say a warm welcome to Frankie, Oisin, Fionn and Bessie who have recently joined us. We hope you and your families will be very happy being part of Waverton School.

### **OFSTED**

This report produced by OFSTED following there visit at the end of last term is attached below. It was not an inspection, but an information gathering visit to support the DFE in their understanding of the impact of COVID-19 in schools

### **And finally...**

We have reached the end of term, which I can safely say has been unlike any other. We have had our ups and downs, but the children continue to be a constant source of optimism and have kept us all going. From where I am sitting there won't be any operational changes at the start of January and we will continue to do everything in our "bubbles", with the hope things will begin to return to normal by the start of the summer term. There are no certainties, but we will continue to keep reviewing the guidance that arrives in school on a daily basis.

The DFE yesterday announced changes to the beginning of next term with regard delaying the start of term. These changes do not affect primary schools, so we look forward to seeing all the children safe and well on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Yours sincerely,

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