



Dear Parents,

This week the Prime Minister announced that *"it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity."*

Although there is clearly no guarantee that we will be open from 8th March I am pleased that the Government have given us an indication of something to plan for and that the unsettling vagueness of recent weeks has been replaced with some emerging clarity. There will be a plan & review announcement on 22nd February when we expect to have more certainty about our reopening date. We all want to see all of our pupils back in school as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, we will continue to refine and adapt our Remote Learning delivery. I would like to thank all of the parents and pupils who have provided us with constructive feedback and reassure you that you are not alone in facing the challenges of supporting learning at home. I encourage you to keep up the connection with Google Classroom which we will restructure a little this week so it is easier to find up to date assignments. Please let me know if you need any support with loan of ipads and let your teacher know if you need printed lesson packs.

I would like to say a huge WELL DONE! to you all for the contribution you are making to learning while you keep your families safe, loved and cared for. We know that we have high expectations and that we set a lot of work each week but all we ask is that you do your best. Please don't let schoolwork put extra pressure on what is a difficult time for us all. We appreciate that everyone's circumstances are different and we understand the challenges.

This week our staff have begun taking Covid tests using Lateral Flow Devices (LFD). The Department for Education (DfE) have asked us to self-test twice a week to identify asymptomatic carriers of the virus. We carry out tests twice a week on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If we should have a positive result it is likely to impact on those key worker's children who are attending school and could mean that you might be asked to keep your child at home, at very short notice. I apologise in advance for the inconvenience this might cause but hope you understand the Government's intention to break chains of transmission.

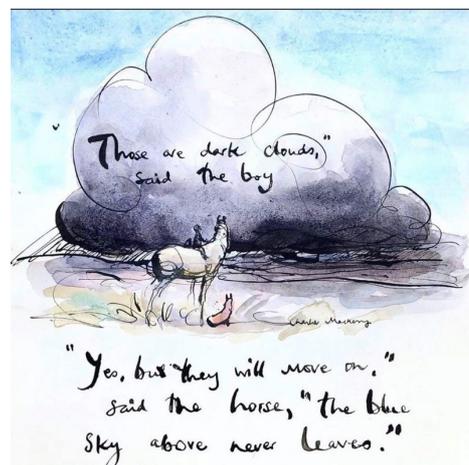
I look forward to seeing children again at assembly on Monday afternoon - Zoom links are in the email to which this newsletter is attached.

Finally, although we may be closed to most children, we are still here for you and you are in our thoughts. Don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can help with.

Take care and keep safe,

Yours sincerely

Rick Gill



COVID-19 Vaccine Fraud - Notice from Cornwall Council



Criminals are using the COVID-19 vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details.

They are sending convincing-looking emails and text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine, or phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS or local pharmacy.

Action Fraud has received reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for the vaccine. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link, which takes them to a fake online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases, the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

The public should remain vigilant and alert to such scams.

Please note that the NHS:

- will **NEVER** ask for payment (the vaccine is free)
- will **NEVER** ask for your bank details
- will **NEVER** ask you for your PIN or banking password
- will **NEVER** arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- will **NEVER** ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or payslips

Do not respond to suspicious emails, calls or text messages, or click on any links.

Action Fraud advise that if you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Information about Children Being Unwell

We would like to remind parents to check for fever and take children's temperatures for all ailments and illnesses, because a temperature is one of the symptoms of COVID-19. The key symptoms to look out for are:

- A high temperature **OR**
- A new cough where you keep on coughing. This means coughing a lot for more than an hour or three **or** more episodes of coughing in a day **OR**
- Losing **or** a change, to your sense of smell or taste

If your child does have a temperature **OR** one of the other symptoms (not necessarily all of them together) we are required to ask you to have them tested for COVID-19 by phoning 119 or visiting the NHS website.