

# SCHOOL NEWS

A shorter news this week.....

## Covid-19 Update

As I'm sure you are aware, the guidance around safety measures and Plan B have changed this week. Next Thursday, the wearing of facemasks in and around school will be entirely optional. Although a ten day isolation period is required in the event of a positive test, if a child or adult tests negative on day 5 and 6 they can leave isolation. Please note that the day of a positive test/ first symptoms is counted as zero and days of isolation are counted from the following day. I have attached a document which gives a clear illustration of this.

I would like to alert parents that we are finding sickness has been one of the first symptoms in our pupils who have tested positive. It is being made known that symptoms of the Omicron variant are also a headache, sore throat and runny nose. The only way to decide if this is Covid or just a common cold is by taking a Lateral Flow Test. Parents have been brilliant at testing their children these last couple of weeks and have alerted us quickly in the event of a positive test. Siblings can still attend school but we do ask if they can test daily. It has also been reiterated to headteachers this week that if a parent is positive and isolating, then they must not drive their children to school. This is in case of a breakdown or accident which could then compromise the isolation and therefore the safety of others. If you find yourself in this situation please let us know and we can arrange some home learning. Please note that home learning is not provided for families taking unauthorised holidays.

We will be keeping all our other safety measures in place until further notice so please continue to adhere to the one way systems, drop off/collection times and keeping visits to the office to a minimum. A reminder that parents should not be entering the school car park or using it as a space to turn cars around as this potentially compromises the safety of pedestrians exiting via the main gate in the mornings.

## Well Done!!

We are SO proud of Tyler in 3<sup>TL</sup> for being selected by British Cycling to represent Team GB at the BMX World Championships this summer. What an amazing achievement! We will be following you with interest Tyler - what a dare devil! Good Luck!!



## Welcome to the Team

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Hogan, one of our parents, to the office team. She will take up the role of Clerical Assistant from next Monday. She will be your new friendly face at the reception window and helpful voice on the other end of the phone when you ring.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

