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Newsletter Spring 2

Dear Families,

Since returning to school on 5<sup>th</sup> January, the team of staff in our school have pulled together to cover for a number of staff absences, in order for these absences to have minimal disruption to the education and wellbeing of our children.

This doesn't just cover teachers, but kitchen, cleaning and support staff, who have all rallied to make sure all of the roles can be fulfilled. They are a wonderful team, and model our school character values every single day.



We are currently teaching the children about gratitude and optimism, and I am incredibly grateful to all of the staff for always working with such positive attitudes.

### Covid update

As you know, from 11<sup>th</sup> January, the guidance changed, and any children or adults testing positive on a lateral flow test (LFT) do not need to go for a PCR test to have this confirmed. They will need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of any symptoms, or from the day the test was taken if asymptomatic (so the day of the test is Day 0 and the following day would be Day 1 of the isolation period).

The guidance has now changed again.

***From Day 5 they can now start to take further lateral flow tests, and if they read negative on Days 5 and 6 (with a 24 hour period in between each test) then that person can return to school on the 6th day (if the tests taken in the morning of days 5 and 6 are both negative). A positive reading on Day 5 means a test can be done on Days 6, 7, 8 and 9 and as long as 2 consecutive tests are negative, then that person can return to school on the day of the second negative test.***

Once 10 days are up, even if the LFT is still coming back as positive, the person can return to school from Day 11.

Please refer to the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for further information should you need it, or give school a call.

### Non uniform day - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January

We will be having a non uniform day on 28<sup>th</sup> January to raise money for a family from our school community. They are in the process of fundraising, in order to return a member of their immediate family from Thailand back to Morpeth, following a serious accident. Any donations on that day will be gratefully received to help them reach their target, and care for their loved one here in the UK. Thank you.



### Ofsted Inspection

Roundabout Club, our wraparound childcare provider, welcomed a visit from Ofsted on Friday after school, who carried out a routine inspection. The inspection report will be published in due course, but the visit was very positive and the team at Roundabout did a fabulous job!



### Overflow car park gate

Thank you to all parents and family members, who drop off and pick up, for your understanding around locking the gate during the school day and overnight. The path between the overflow car park and our school belongs to the school site, and we have been appalled recently at the amount of dog poo bags (and regularly just the actual poo itself!) that is not picked up. The children deserve to walk along the path to school without worrying about stepping in it, or as one child explained "having the wheels of her bike covered in poo"!

The gate will be opened every morning before school, to allow the children to get onto the school premises in plenty of time for the doors opening, and parents to be on site ready for collection at the end of the day. Some of the children have asked to make posters, which we will laminate and attach to the fence, as a gentle reminder to dog owners to pick it up.



Kind regards,

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Head