



1st December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Covid Risk Assessment Update

As you will be aware, the Government has announced some restrictions to help reduce the transmission of the new variant of Covid. This undoubtedly raises some concerns for parents, carers, children and staff. This letter is intended to allay those fears and make the end of term as positive, safe and healthy as possible.

Face Masks & Social Distancing

All adults in school now wear face masks whilst walking around school, in communal areas and whilst on duty. Parents and carers are also requested to wear face coverings in and around the school grounds and observe social distancing rules.

Visitors

All events involving visitors will revert to virtual. If you would like to meet with any member of staff, please phone or email. Zoom calls can be arranged for more face-to-face style meetings.

School Office

The office is now closed for face-to-face conversations, so please phone if your message is urgent or email in the usual way admin@wickford-pri.essex.sch.uk.

Covid Testing

Twice weekly lateral flow testing (LFT) is highly recommended for everyone, including primary-aged children. This helps to identify asymptomatic individuals and prevent the spread of the virus. If the test result is positive, you must isolate and take a PCR test. If anyone in your household has any Coronavirus symptoms, they should isolate and take a PCR test. If you receive a text from the [NHS test & trace service](#) you must follow their advice which may be to self-isolate.

Please keep us informed of any test results or enforced isolation periods so that we can support you as necessary.

Christmas Activities

- FS Nativity and Year 1 / 2 Production. Face-to-face spectators for these performances may need to be cancelled if the number of positive Covid cases in school continues to rise. However, both performances will be filmed so that parents and carers can enjoy them. A decision will be made before the end of next week.
- Upper school Christmas Services will go ahead but will probably take place in our school hall instead of St Andrews' Church.
- Christmas dinner will be served to lower school and years 3 & 4 on Wed 15th December and year 5 & 6 on Thurs 16th December so that numbers in the dinner hall can be limited.
- Our Christmas visitor in his red suit will still visit lower school but will wave from the classroom door rather than his grotto.
- Each class will have a post box in their classroom so children can send cards to those in their own class.

Our full COVID-19 risk assessment has been updated and is available on our [school website](#).

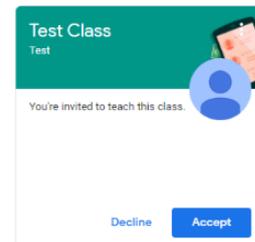
Remote Learning / Google Classroom

If children are forced to isolate but well enough to work, teachers have been providing work on the Home Learning pages of our school website. This will continue until Christmas. After Christmas, or if school is forced to close earlier, Google Classroom will be the main way for children in years 1-6 to access remote learning (FS pupils will use Tapestry). This is because it is easier to complete and upload work using a learning platform than our school website.

Please follow these instructions to make sure your child is all set up:

Open [Google Classroom](#) and input your child's login details. These include a user name (your child's firstname.lastname@wickford-pri.essex.sch.uk) and a password. This is the same as last year for children in years 2-6 and was emailed to year 1 parents & carers in September. Your child's login details have been given to them again this week.

Once logged on, you need to select 'Student' and then 'Accept'.



If you have any problems, please email your child's class teacher in the first instance. There is further help and advice on our school website. Click [here](#).

The regular, half-termly homework will still be on the Home Learning page of our school website but can also be 'turned in' via Google Classroom after Christmas if preferred.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, please keep safe and stay positive. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Ramet, Headteacher