

Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School and Nursery #SAF News

## COVID UPDATE

I'm sure you all tuned in on Saturday evening to watch the government briefing on the rise of Covid-19 infections and the new variant Omicrom. Over the last half term, we have had an increased number of positive cases within school and we are encouraging parents to take children for a PCR test if showing any symptoms. It is important that we are all vigilant to make sure we can control the spread within school and remain open for all children.

We will be increasing some measures this week and would like your support and cooperation with this.



Parents will be asked to <u>wear masks</u> on school grounds and to remain 2 metres away from other families where possible.

We will be restricting access to school and there will be no reading mornings for the time being. We will insist on only one person entering the office area at one time.

In school, we will be ensuring windows are open so classrooms are well ventilated. We have CO2 monitors that show when windows need to be opened.

Children will be encouraged to hand sanitise / wash hands regularly.

We will go back to year group bubbles and encourage children to be kept apart from different year groups, where possible.

Staff will wear masks when in communal areas or stay 2 metres apart.

We will review the EYFS Nativity nearer to the time, however we will ensure that parents can see it one way or another.

The main Covid Symptoms are:

• 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

However, if your child is presenting with:

• Fever or chills / Cough / Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing / Fatigue / Muscle or body aches

## Headache / Sore throat / Congestion or runny nose / Nausea or vomiting / Diarrhoea

Then we would highly recommend that you take your child for a PCR test **<u>not</u>** a lateral flow test and let school know the results as soon as you receive them.

We are desperately trying to ensure that we are all healthy and safe for Christmas!



# Here are some of the children who received certificates this week for being 'stars' in their classes.







This year we will be holding Christmas Lunch on **Thursday 9th December**. We will be offering Christmas Dinner to **ALL** children in school for **FREE**. **More details will be out soon!** 







## Christmas Cards

This year, we are asking that children only write cards for the children and adults within their classes. The deadline for Christmas Cards is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December so that we can 'quarantine' them in the cupboard for 72 hours before handing them out.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th December, we would like all children and adults to come to school wearing your Christmas jumper, Christmas outfit, or anything red and green and donate  $\pounds 1$  or more! We will be using this money to create a memorial for a beloved Mandi, who passed away this year. Mandi loved everything bright and colourful so we want to light up our school on this day!



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