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## Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Latest Covid Advice from HM Government

#### Self-isolation

From 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. School staff, children and young people who are contacts should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) published [updated guidance](#) on 24 February.

#### **Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?**

If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. If they test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice.

#### Trip to Beamish

Mrs Coulthard and other staff enjoyed a very rewarding trip to Beamish this week. The weather was very changeable with hail and strong winds at times, but this did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the children. It was a great time had by all and we all look forward to future trips now that a lot of the Covid restrictions have been lifted.

#### Brampton Area Action Group – Do you need help this Winter?

The school has been contacted by the Brampton Area Action Group (BAAG). They may be able to assist households who are experiencing hardship this winter by providing help with weekly groceries and heating. Please note that you do not need to be on benefits to get help. You can get help from the Helpdesk at 016979 27005. If you have difficulties leaving a message you can also get in touch with them at [www.bramptonareaactiongroup.co.uk](http://www.bramptonareaactiongroup.co.uk).

#### Fostering News

We have received the following message from Claire Crisp who is the Fostering Communications and Engagement Officer for Cumbria. If you know anyone else who may be interested in fostering, please pass on the information.

***We have an urgent need to recruit more foster carers for vulnerable children across the county. There are events held throughout the county to recruit more people into the field of fostering. Our events are scheduled on the following dates:***

***Friday 4 March - Fostering drop in at the round House Hub and Café, Walney from 12pm to 2pm***

***Friday 11 March - Carlisle fostering drop in at Costa Coffee in The Lanes Shopping Centre - from 12pm to 2pm***

***Tuesday 22 March - Fostering drop in at Costa Coffee in Steelman's Walk, Workington - from 12pm to 2pm***

***Thursday 31 March - Fostering drop-in at Costa Coffee in Hindpool Retail Park, Barrow (next to Subway) from 12 to 2pm***

#### World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite character from a book. It would be good if children could bring the book to school with them to show the character.

#### Red Nose Day

From Monday we will have Red Noses available for sale, the cost of these are £1.50.

#### PFA 50 Club

Please can all outstanding membership forms and payments please be in by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Have a very good weekend

Mark Ashton