



# MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### A Message from Mrs Hewitt

I am looking forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Monday. There have been some changes in school over the holidays:

- We would like to congratulate Mr Brook on his marriage; he will now be known as Mr Wilbrooke.
- We would like to congratulate Miss Datson on her marriage; she will now be known as Mrs Barry
- Mr Tunncliffe has been successful in becoming the new Assistant Head teacher at Meadows. The Senior Leadership Team is now:



Mrs Hewitt

Head teacher



Mrs Dwyer

Deputy Head teacher



Mr Tunncliffe

Assistant Head teacher



Mrs Date

Senior Leader

### Hive



Mrs Dodman



Mrs Rowley

SENDCo Team- [senteam@meadows.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:senteam@meadows.worcs.sch.uk)

We are so looking forward to seeing the children come back after their summer break as well as seeing our new starters in Nursery and Reception. We extend a very warm welcome to all new families and hope you will soon feel part of the Meadows family. We usually encourage parents to come into school, but we are going to be cautious initially with this in order to see how the transmission rates are in Bromsgrove before we resume this contact. However, we are always there for you at the end of a phone or via email. Mrs Dwyer and myself will also be out to meet and greet you on the playgrounds most mornings.

I have listed below the current guidelines for schools for COVID-19, so that you can see what we are doing to keep everyone safe. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## **Government guidance for schools regarding COVID states *(in black type)*:**

Control measures that need implementing:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

*All of these measures have been in place in school since the start of COVID. We will continue to use the strict measures to keep everyone safe. Please ensure children have warm clothing as windows and doors are kept open during the day to keep rooms well ventilated.*

‘Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and **education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.**’

*We will continue to work with Public Health England to keep the school safe.*

New guidance states that individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, **if any of the following apply:**

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#).

The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. The director of public health might advise schools that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils staff visitors, unless exempt) if cases rise. *Staff are no longer required to wear face masks, but have been given the option to wear them if they wish. Parents can also wear them on the school grounds if wanted. Any face to face meetings will still require the wearing of masks inside the school building.*

### **Other precautions:**

- *We are continuing to try to minimise the number of people on the school site, so please contact the school office via email ([office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk)) if you need information. The class email system is available to contact the teachers (eg [owls@meadows.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:owls@meadows.worcs.sch.uk)) – please note that teachers are teaching all day so you may not get an immediate response.*
- *Keeping children in separate small bubbles (eg class) is no longer required. However, initially we are continuing to keep the children in key stages (not whole school)- eg EYFS (Nursery and Reception), key stage one (years 1 and 2) and key stage 2 (years 3 and 4).*
- *Staggered starts and finishes are no longer required. However, we are keeping the one-way system for Nursery to year 2 in order to minimise congestion and ease the flow. Staff in years N -2 will continue to meet the children at the door of their classrooms each morning.*
- *Key stage 2: parents are welcome to bring the children onto the playground. When the teachers come to meet their class, children can line up independently in front of the allocated signs on the playground. In order to avoid congestion, can we politely ask parents to stand back from the lines. **Please pass messages onto a member of the senior leadership team who will be present each day,** so that the teachers can focus on the children and take them into school.*

We will continue to keep you informed of any changes we have to implement as the weeks go by. We would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding with these measures.