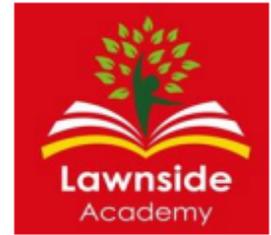


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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term and I trust that everyone had a healthy and safe October half-term holiday. You should all have received the 'Additional public health advice to reduce COVID-19 transmission in schools and colleges', from the Director of Public Health (dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021) and I wanted to, in this letter to you, explain the additional measures we are putting in place at Lawnside.

All staff and visitors will be wearing face masks in all communal areas outside the classroom, where social distancing cannot be maintained. In addition, we are asking please, that you wear a face covering within the school grounds when dropping off and picking up your children. We are also asking please, for only one parent/carer per child to drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the school day and for no parents/carers to come into the school and/or classrooms.

Schools are also being asked to try to reduce indoor gatherings and mixing between classes and year groups. We will be keeping to Key Stage groups within school; Early Years, Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4). This will enable staff to keep within a consistent group and allow for group teaching in phonics, English and maths, for example. Before the half-term holiday we had put a hold on whole-school assemblies and groups were eating lunch separately; either in the hall or in their classrooms. We will continue with these arrangements to reduce indoor gatherings and mixing between key stages.

We will be limiting non-essential visits to school; holding meetings and open days with parents/carers virtually, if possible, and we will also be avoiding in-person whole staff meetings.

We would usually be planning Christmas performances to families this half-term so, under the circumstances, we are planning three outdoor carol/Christingle concerts as per the dates below:

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (2:30pm - 3pm) Reception (Willow, Chestnut)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (2:30pm - 3pm) Key Stage 2 (Sycamore, Birch, Oak)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December (2:30pm - 3pm) Key Stage 1 (Cherry, Hazel, Rowan)

Please save the dates; more information to follow).

At the end of the half-term holiday, I received an exciting email regarding some of our pupils who are taking part in a cheer-athon; in the theme of "strictly come cheerleading" straight after school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November for 4 hours to raise money for Children in Need. They are collecting sponsors for this event and have already raised over £700. The link, should you wish to donate is:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/btcacheer-athon?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=btcacheer-athon&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=bfc4ab2f27944cd785b84a7d3f580624](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/btcacheer-athon?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=btcacheer-athon&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=bfc4ab2f27944cd785b84a7d3f580624)

I look forward to hearing all about this and sharing any photos in my next newsletter. Good luck and very well done; you should all be very proud of yourselves.

The week before the half-term holiday I received a displeasing email from a resident of The Baulk regarding "the shambolic car parking of Lawnside parents primarily in the mornings on The Baulk." I have said that I would raise this on my next newsletter and ask please, with respect, that if you park on The Baulk, you are mindful of the residents and of any pedestrians; not parking on double yellow lines and/or driving on the pavement.

Yours sincerely



Cheryl Johnson  
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## COVID-19 Guidance for Parents/Carers in Central Bedfordshire Education Settings: 01.11.21

For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a young person please follow the flow chart below.

