

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It's been another positive week at school, and it really is great to have the children's energy and enthusiasm back.

### **WEAR SOMETHING WACKY TOMORROW!**

We know that charities have been hit hard during the pandemic and the more vulnerable have suffered hardest. You should have spotted an email already saying that we're inviting the children to wear something wacky (that can include wacky hair!) for Red Nose Day tomorrow, and to bring £1 in for Comic Relief – they can drop that into a container in their classroom. Thanks for your support!

### **KEEPING CASES LOW**

We are doing really well locally with Covid cases, thanks to the vigilance of everyone. There were only a handful of cases in Kenilworth last week. However, the slowdown of the vaccine rollout will mean that the majority of parents and teachers at school won't be vaccinated until May which means infections in under 50s will inevitably go up and threaten the roadmap to normal. Parents testing (with home testing kits – for details please see the link below) as well as continuing to be so supportive when we're asking children to be taken home and be tested, combined with continued care with social distancing measures will go a long way to keeping us open and operating more freely. The link for further information is: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Hay fever will certainly confuse matters, and we will need to know if children are sufferers so that we don't send them home when they appear ill. Please email in as soon as possible if you have one of those! We'll follow up with a form for you to describe what we should expect. We will take temperatures of those children if they appear unwell in school and we think it's beyond hay fever, prior to calling you. If those parents then look out for symptoms beyond what you normally see and be ready to have them take a test in those circumstances, that would definitely help.

### **CHILDCARE SETTINGS / HOLIDAY CARE**

The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus outbreak. There's a new section on asymptomatic testing as well as information on how the rules are changing from 29<sup>th</sup> March and general advice for parents needing to use out-of-school settings. Please have a look if your child will be attending any clubs, holiday childcare or similar – following the advice will help to reduce the risk of the virus being transmitted. This is the link, which will also appear in the email being sent with this newsletter. <https://tinyurl.com/ycdorcu>

### **MUSICAL INSTRUMENT REMINDER!**

Please help your child to remember their instruments and music on the right day. We had a number of pupils who couldn't have their lesson yesterday as they hadn't brought their guitars. Covid restrictions mean that we can't allow pupils to borrow or share instruments at the moment, so please help them to remember when they need to bring items in for music lessons. This is a reminder of the schedule:

Monday – keyboard (and steel pans)

Tuesday – Y6 orchestra pupils

Wednesday – guitar, cello, woodwind

Thursday – brass (note change of day)

Friday - Y5 orchestra pupils, violin

Guitars should be left in the Y5 canopy area and other instruments taken into classrooms.

### **TA RECRUITMENT ON WM JOBS WEBSITE**

We're looking to recruit a TA for the Summer term, so please look out for the post on WMJobs if you have some experience.

### **Y5 RED RIDGE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Parents of Y5 children should have received an email this morning about the possibility of rescheduling this postponed visit. We need your views to enable us to decide whether it's feasible to run the trip for this group, so please respond by Monday morning, or get in touch if you need any further information. We've had a number of very positive responses already. Thank you.

### **PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

We'd be grateful for your co-operation in keeping the zig-zag area outside school, and the areas opposite the zig-zags, clear of parked cars. That way, people crossing the road have a clear view; traffic can flow freely past school and vehicles don't have to pull onto the wrong side of the road to pass parked cars; cars moving in and out of the school car park have easy access. Similarly, please don't park close to corners – it makes it much harder for drivers and pedestrians alike. Please help to keep our children safe – and please pass this message on to anyone in your childcare bubble who drops off or collects your children. Thank you.

### **TEEM CLINTON NEWS**

There are exciting things happening courtesy of TEEM Clinton – too many to squeeze in here! Please see their update on the next page (online uniform sales, Easter quiz and Summer Trail).

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER**  
HEADTEACHER