



Cheselbourne Village School

Thursday 2nd September 2021



Welcome back!

Dear Parents

Firstly, I would like to begin by saying how much of a privilege it is to be the new headteacher of Cheselbourne Village School. I have received such a warm welcome from everyone that I have met and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the near future.

I do hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer. The staff are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Friday 3rd September 2021. There have been a busy few weeks over the break with regards to maintenance. We now have some

updated external lighting fitted to the outside of the building, which will be hugely important when those early, dark, autumnal nights begin. We have also had some site visits to install a newer and updated internet infrastructure. This will give us a high quality speed which we look forward to using in our modern curriculum offer. I have been told it's the 'Rolls Royce' of wi-fi systems...

The ongoing COVID 19 guidance continues to evolve and most recently was updated on 17 August. We need to continue to support the government in reducing the risk of serious infection. This means that we need to reflect and adapt our procedures in line with all health and safety implications which I hope becomes clear in the next section of this newsletter:


'Aim = Return to normal, but remain COVID aware'

Mixing and bubbles

It is no longer required that children will need to be considered in consistent groups (bubbles). This means that assemblies and lunchtimes can remain like they were at Cheselbourne Village School in the summer term and not have to consider avoiding other bubbles. We will have to consider contingency plans if it becomes necessary that local outbreaks cause the reduction of mixing between groups. Any decision to recommend the reintroduction of 'bubbles' would not be taken lightly and would need to take account of the detrimental impact they can have on the delivery of education.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

School settings are no longer required to complete contact tracing. Close contacts will be managed by the NHS. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close



contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

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, and 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

Face coverings

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. We encourage the use of face coverings when using enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This would include assemblies and other school events where we would be inside.

Control measures

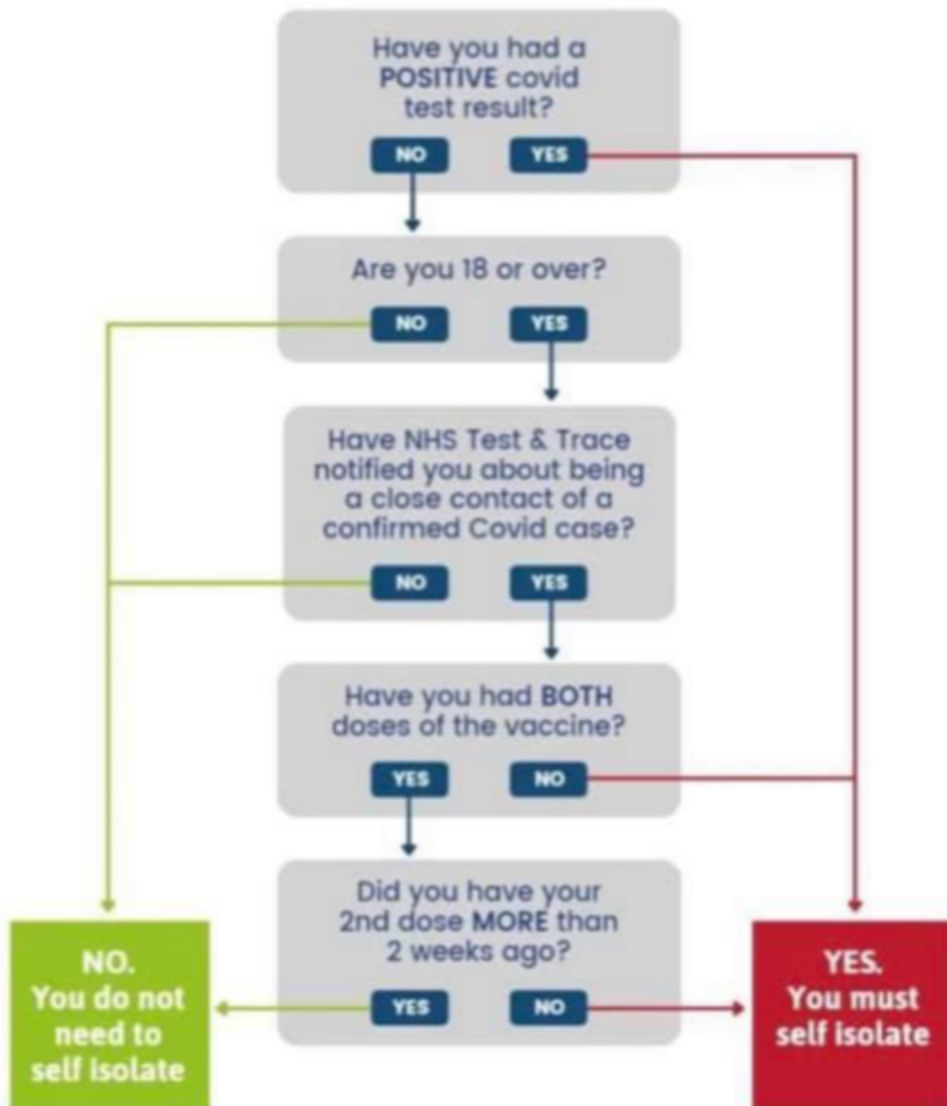
Ways in which we can control the virus include:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Future guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance#tracing>

Do I need to self-isolate?



Reminders to parents

Monday PE - Children need to wear PE kit coming into school, but bring in a uniform to change afterwards. PE kit will generally go home on a Friday, ready for the same routine the following week.

Thursday - Children need to come into school ready for Forest School learning.

(Y3/4 need to have wellies or outdoor footwear in a bag)

(Butterfly class - need a change of clean shoes for after being outdoors)

I thank you in advance for your time and effort to ensure that the guidance allows Cheselbourne Village School to welcome the children back and continue our learning journey in the safest possible way.

Kind regards,

Mr C Perry

Mr C. Perry

Headteacher



Safeguarding Support

If you ever have a concern about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Perry

In the absence of Mr Perry please speak to our deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:
Mrs Collett or Mrs Mowlam



**CHESELBOURNE
RESPECTS**
We treat people, our school and the
environment the way we want to be treated.

**CHESELBOURNE
CHALLENGES**
We try, try and try again to push our limits,
because *can't* is not in our vocabulary.

**CHESELBOURNE
NURTURES**

We nurture young, enquiring minds in a fun and
caring way to inspire a lifetime love of learning.

2021-22 Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thursday 2 September - INSET day - Children not in school

Friday 3 September - Children return for new school year

(3 INSET DAYS - Children not in school - 20, 21, 22 October)

AUTUMN HALF TERM - Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October 2021

Monday 1 November - start of second half of Autumn Term

Friday 17 December - Last day of Autumn Term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Newsletters and Information - Please remember that key information and copies of letters are on the school website: www.cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk

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