



Cheselbourne Village School

Friday 17th December 2021



Dear Parents

We are so proud of the children for all of their achievements this term, especially in the last week. It is an extremely busy and exciting time of the year but every opportunity that we have given the children, they have embraced. This truly showcases everything that Cheselbourne Village School is about. The staff always have the children at the front of all ideas and plans, and they deserve a huge amount of appreciation. Thank you for all of your kind words and goodies that we have received this week.

We hope that all of the children have an enjoyable break over the next couple of weeks and Christmas is everything that is expected for you. This isn't always the case for children in this country, as some recent national news cases highlight, and it's especially important to remember how lucky some of us are. 'Diversity and Equity' is something that many of the local Dorchester schools have as a focus and I for one will take a moment over the festive period to pause and think about families that are less fortunate than ourselves.

I wish you all the best for the new year and hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.

Take care,

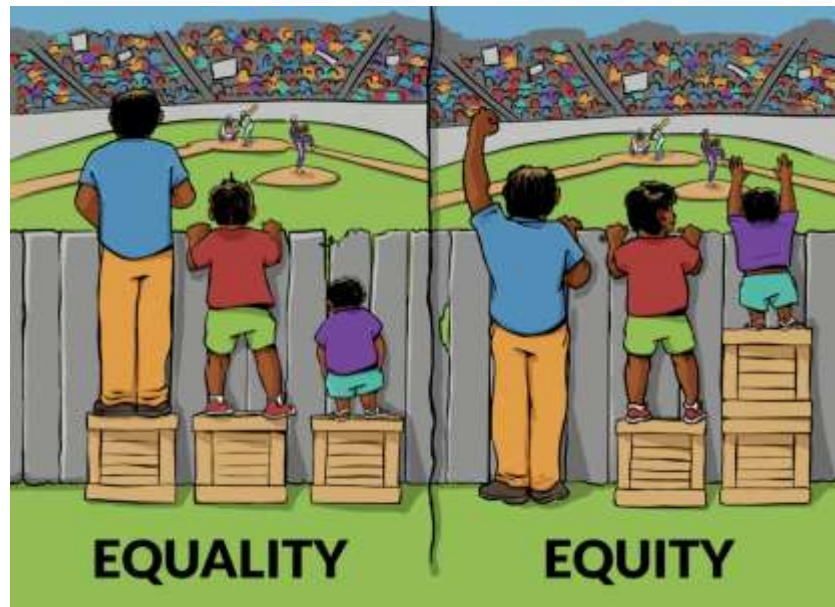
Kind regards,

Mr C Perry



Mr C. Perry

Headteacher



Covid - update

New guidance was issued to schools on the 14th December - please find the flow-chart below which gives you a guide of what to do if your child tests positive for Covid or you have symptoms.

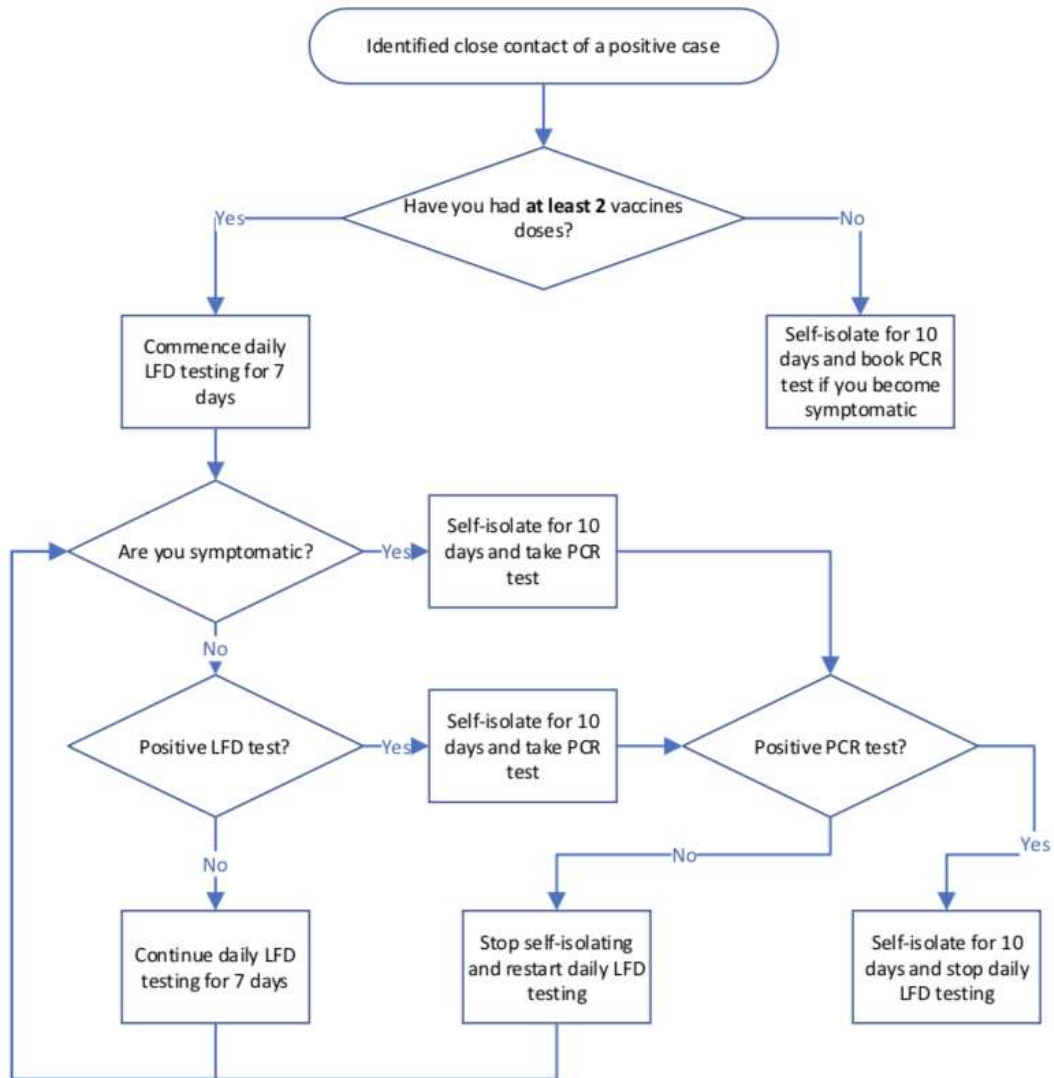
We will be watching really closely to see how things develop over Christmas and into the New Year and we will write to you around 4th January 2022 if there are any particular arrangements that you need to know about.

In the meantime, families can really help schools by doing the following over the Christmas break:

- Keep up with regular lateral flow testing. Everyone should be taking lateral flow tests twice a week - this is a really good habit to help catch any COVID infections early. If anyone in the household gets a positive result, everyone else should increase to daily lateral flow tests for 7 days. The latest guidance recommends that this should apply to children aged 5 and upwards.
- Get a PCR test if it is needed. If anyone in the household tests positive on a lateral flow test or becomes symptomatic, they should get a PCR test and self-isolate whilst waiting for the result. Everyone else should then use daily lateral flow tests for 7 days.
- Keep going with increased hygiene routines. For example, remind your children of the need to regularly wash hands, especially after being out and about. It will help us if your child keeps these habits going.
- Follow guidance from Track and Trace, including if you are travelling abroad. Current guidance requires testing both on departure from your holiday destination and on return to the UK. Self-isolation is required until a negative PCR is obtained. Most importantly of all, we would ask all parents to note the following:
- Do not send your child to school in January if they have any symptoms which might be COVID. Let your school know and keep your child at home whilst waiting for a PCR result.



Self-isolation and testing requirements w.e.f. Tuesday 14th December 2021



£180 raised for Children in Need

In addition to the money raised on 'Children in Need' itself, the Choir singing at the Christmas lights switch on at Melcombe Bingham raised a further amount of money to total £180. This is a great achievement that will support making a difference to so many children's lives. Well done!!

Christmas Performance DVDs

Please find the performance DVDs in your child's bags today. We loved watching it!

A fun-filled and busy Christmas week













End of Term Assembly Awards...

Caterpillar Class - ALL

Butterfly Class SUPERSTAR READER - Minnie

Butterfly Class SUPERSTAR SPELLER- Florence

Butterfly Class SUPERSTAR MATHEMATICIAN - Harrison

Kingfisher Class SUPERSTAR READER - Mabli

Kingfisher Class SUPERSTAR SPELLER- Harrison

Kingfisher Class SUPERSTAR MATHEMATICIAN- Alexa

YR SUPERSTAR OF THE TERM - Charlie-May

Y1 SUPERSTAR OF THE TERM - Wilf

Y2 SUPERSTAR OF THE TERM - Fleur

Y3 SUPERSTAR OF THE TERM - William



Y4 SUPERSTAR OF THE TERM - Adam

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



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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