



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



7th January 20212

Live, Learn, Flourish

They are like trees that grow beside a stream that bear fruit at the right time and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in all they do. Psalm 1:3

Welcome back to term 3! It is lovely to see everyone again.

Happy 2022 everyone, let's hope it's a year with continued improvement and a brighter outlook. I hope you all managed to have a safe and happy Christmas. A huge thank you from all the staff for the lovely gifts and thoughtful messages.

It is hard to believe that a year ago we returned to school and started with lockdown 2! It is great to have everyone return and although covid is something we are learning to live with, we still work hard to keep the school as safe as possible and in motion! We are mindful that there could be future potential disruption whether that is reverting to remote learning for some, staff shortages or full lockdown. But fingers crossed this will be minimal and we can continue to build on the progress made so far.

More information will follow shortly regarding the curriculum topic, homework, class letters and value for this term are teacher/parent meets plus other dates.

Here is a reminder of the Uley additional measures for the start of Term3 until further notice:

- Classes will remain in their class bubbles for the time being.
- There will be no whole school worships for the time being.
- School will continue with the usual start time of 8.40am as children can filter safely in. School continues to finish at 3.15pm.
- Should you have a Reception child and a child in another class, please collect your Reception child first then please wait in the playground next to Class 1 whilst we dismiss the other classes safely.
- If you have a child in Class 2 and in the junior class(es), please collect from the Class 2 gate and wait away from the gate to avoid blocking the gate and one-way system.
- Please avoid walking through the playground when children are present, and continue to follow the one-way system around the footpath.
- We are asking parents to be mindful of distancing and request that adults wear a facemask before and after school.
- Fun Club will continue as bubbles for the time being.
- As the weather is turning chilly, please pop an extra layer on your children as we will still be ensuring good ventilation.
- Staggered lunch times and separate class playtimes.
- Class 1 in and out of bottom gate – parents come into playground.
- Class 2 in through the double gates at the top of the footpath and through the main reception door.
- Class 2 leave school to stand to the right of the slope by buddy bench.
- Class 3 in through the double gates at the top of the footpath and through the main reception door.
- Class 3 leave school through the hall door and out of the gate to Woodstock Terrace.
- Class 4 in and out of the hall door.
- Any school events will be risk assessed and advice sought as to the go ahead depending on the number of cases.

The full risk assessment can be found on the front of the school website.

There has been a variety of covid updates recently which include:

Anyone aged 5 years and over, who has been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 and who is not legally required to self-isolate, is now strongly advised to take a rapid lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days or until 10 days since their last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier. If any of these LFD tests are positive they should self-isolate in order to protect other people.

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Wrapping Up Warm

Good ventilation is one of the safety measures that we need to implement. This means that most windows in school will be open throughout the day. Please may I suggest that the children wear an extra base layer or two and bring in hats, gloves, scarves and a warm winter coat for going outside so that they are nice and toasty when they come back in doors.

School Closures

In the event that the school or a class has to close, the procedures are:

- You will receive a text message
- A message will be posted on the Gloucestershire County Council website so please check: <http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>
- A message will be posted on the school website

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Families circumstances may change, even more so during these challenging covid times. Please follow the link below to request free school meals. For children in school they will receive a packed lunch and for children not in school we can arrange vouchers.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

All children are entitled to free school meals from Reception through to Year 6, even the infants who already receive universal free school meals. Please speak to a member of staff if you think you may be entitled to Traditional Free School Meals.

Ofsted Parent View

Leaflets can be found in the reception area or visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Cyber Safety

As part of our INSET day on Tuesday we received updates on Cyber Safety from PC Darren Peters.

A few helpful tips to help keep children safe online:

- Online gaming – It is recommended for adults to show an interest in the children’s gaming and to play the games (age-appropriate of course) along with the child in order to check the suitability.
- More information about setting parental controls can be found at [Information, Advice and Support to Keep Children Safe Online \(internetmatters.org\)](#)
- www.pegi.info is a website that provides information on the age classifications of games
- Do you know the age-rating for the most popular apps?
 - WhatsApp – 16 years+
 - TikTok – 13 years+
 - You Tube – 13 years+
 - Snap Chat – 16 years+
 - Instagram – 13 years+
- [What age can my child start social networking? - Internet Matters](#)

Dates:

Friday 18th February – End of Term 3

Monday 28th February – Start of Term 4