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Happy New Year

On behalf of everyone at Monkfield Park I would like to wish all our families and children a very Happy New Year.

We hope that you enjoyed a restful Christmas break and that you were able to spend some precious time with family and friends during the festivities. It was wonderful to see the children returning to school on Wednesday looking refreshed, excited, ready to learn and happy to be back with their friends. The building is alive again with the sound of laughter and excited chatter; a very different atmosphere to 12 months ago when we were heading back in-to lockdown!

I'm sure that you will be aware of the constantly changing Government guidance regarding COVID19. I sent a letter to all parents and carers from the Director for Education together with a revised flowchart earlier this week detailing the up-to-date requirements and changes with the isolation period. There was a further Government briefing on Wednesday evening and once we have further information from the Department for Education, I will update you again. We are still in a situation where Government policy is changing quickly and so I would like to thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Mrs Howell

Reception Places 2022

The deadline for making applications for a Reception place for September 2022 is **Saturday 15 January 2022**.

We appreciate that selecting the right school for your child is not an easy decision to make so please do contact the school office if you would like to talk to us about what we can offer at Monkfield Park. We would also be happy to arrange a visit to the school within the current Covid 19 guidelines to give you the opportunity to see what makes Monkfield Park a special place at first hand. We strongly advise you to list several schools on your application, ranked in order of your preference.

Please contact the school office if you would like to book on to a tour.





The Healthy Selfie Campaign

Next week we begin our healthy selfie campaign. This is a great way to celebrate all your new healthy habits and resolutions by showing us how you stay active and promote and celebrate healthy lifestyles. This can be anything from walking to school, PE lessons, active breaks, trampolining in the garden, active learning, a trip out in nature, cooking healthy foods or making healthy snack options. Or you may have more adventurous ways of being healthy such as rock climbing, extreme yoga or scuba diving! Whatever your favourite way to keep fit, this is a great way of sharing ideas, celebrating those big and small healthy choices and inspiring others to be active and eat well.

Staying active and eating well is important so get involved and share what you are doing. We can't wait to see your healthy selfies. You may get to see your photograph displayed on our school's healthy selfie wall of fame!

FORTHCOMING DATES 2022

- 10th January—Healthy Selfie campaign week
- 25th January—Year 6 SATs information evening for parents
- 28th January—Violet Class assembly via zoom
- 4th February - Columba Class assembly via zoom
- 4th March—Green Class assembly via zoom
- 4th March—Mid term reports sent to parents
- 10th March—Book Fair
- 17th March—Year 5 performance at 6pm via zoom
- 18th March—Dorado Class assembly via zoom
- 22nd March—Parent consultation evening via zoom
- 25th March—Aquila Class assembly
- 28th March—NHS Vision screening for Reception and Year 1 children
- 31st March—Parent consultation evening
- 1st April—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
- 19th April—INSET Day
- 19th April—Year 4 residential visit to Burwell House.
- 20th April—Start of Summer term

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Each week this space will provide a celebration of children who may be especially noticed for demonstrating learning or behaviour that we feel should be recognised and commended. This week I would like to congratulate:

Yahya in Pegasus Class: Yahya is always so responsible at lunchtimes. He takes the initiative to reunite children with their forgotten water bottles and lunch boxes and always notices when a job needs to be done. Thank you for always thinking about others Yahya.

Isobel in Columba Class: Isobel astonished me this week with her incredible mental maths. She worked out how many minutes of ventilation we would need in the classroom across the day to keep the CO2 monitor in the green zone. Well done Isobel.

Ophelia in Blue Class: Ophelia is always positive, full of energy and eager to help everyone. It is always so helpful to have positive people who make our school such a great place to learn. Thank you Ophelia.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to you about a sign of winter.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you which country London is in.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you the story of 'Hansel and Gretel'.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you how to create alliteration in writing.

Ask your Year 4 child to tell you how sound is made.

Ask your Year 5 child to summarise the first chapter of 'Street Child'.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain the difference between a series and parallel circuit.

Headteacher Parent Drop Ins

Once again this term, Mrs Howell, the Headteacher will be offering parent drop ins for anyone who wishes to discuss any aspect of school life throughout the Spring term. The dates can be found below, but please remember that these are offered on a first come, first served basis and you may therefore have to wait to be seen .

21st January 2—3pm

25th January 8—9am

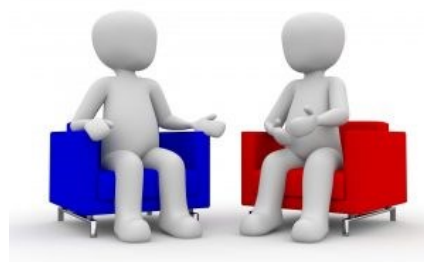
31st January 2.30—3.30

8th February 3-4pm

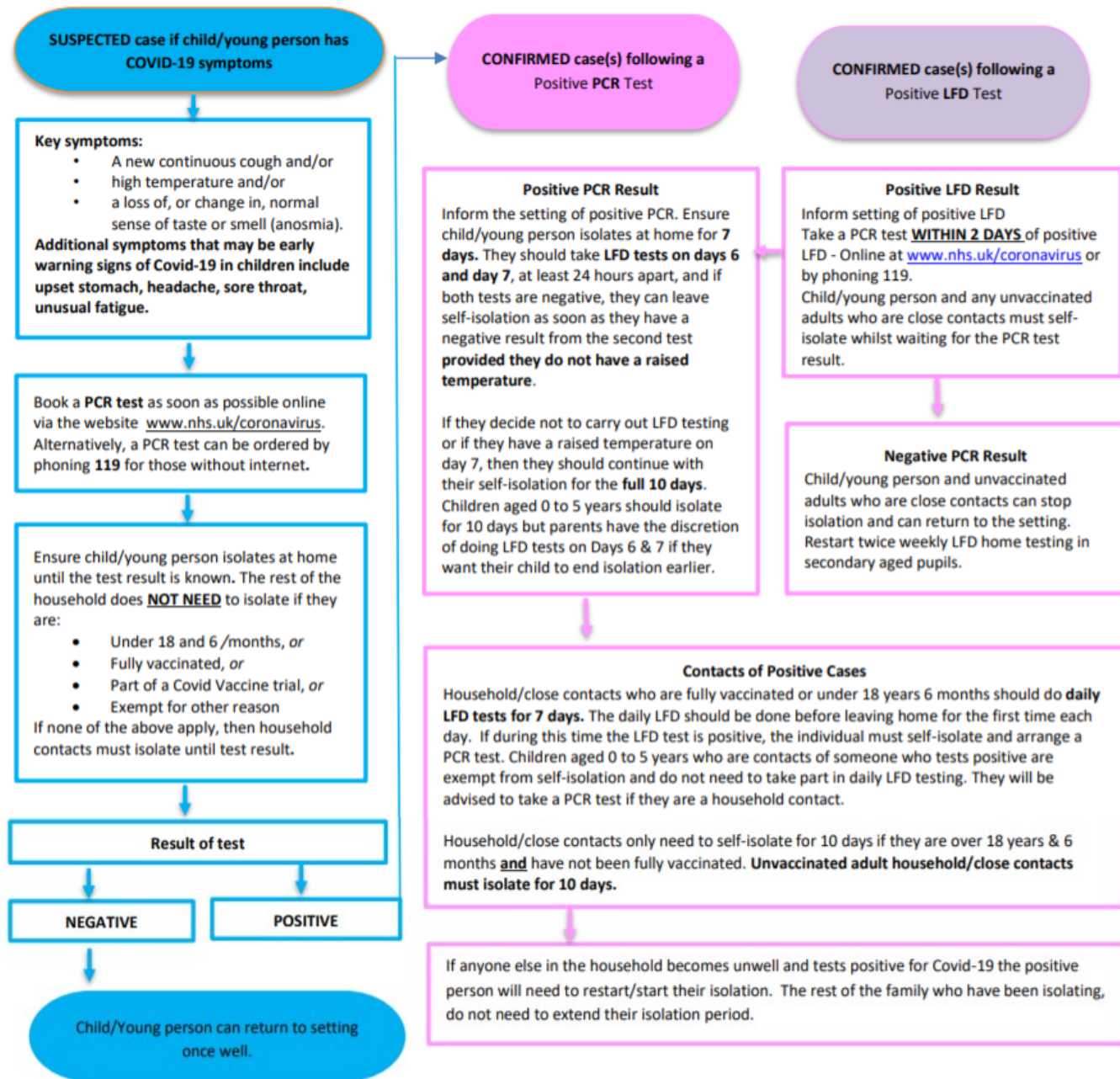
24th Feb 2-3pm

9th March 8.30-9.30am

23rd March 9.30—10.30am



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



- With the emergence of the highly transmissible Omicron Variant, we continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face coverings (if aged 11 and over) in crowded public indoor areas, maintain distance, get vaccinated and take LFD tests prior to meeting people outside your household.
- Face coverings are to be worn by everyone over the age of 11yrs unless exempt on transport to and from educational settings.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available within 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have previously received a positive Covid-19 PCR test result within the last 90 days and you are identified as a contact of someone with Covid-19 you should not take a PCR test. You should only take a PCR test if you develop any NEW symptoms of Covid-19 or if you have a positive LFD test result, or if you are required to take a PCR test upon entry into the UK.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms always book a PCR test.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They are not recommended for children under 5 years of age but can be used at parent/guardian discretion.
- If you have had a Covid-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing, use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test. Always follow the instructions on the pack as there are different types of LFD tests.



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Rabbit and Hedgehog Room News

Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone! We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families for the generous gifts, cards and kind words the staff received at Christmas. We hope that you all had a restful Christmas break and managed to stay healthy.

The children have settled back to preschool really well and are enjoying seeing their friends and being busy again, taking part in all of the activities on offer. The children who have moved through to Squirrel Group from Hedgehog Room have made a fantastic start at learning their new routines and getting to know the other staff and children. This term we are also happy to welcome 16 new children and families to the Care and Learning Centre. The new children will be starting with us over the next week or so. We look forward to getting to know them all and hope that they will have lots of fun with us!

