



NEWSLETTER

Outwood Primary Academy Alne

DATE: January 2022

Covid

Following the Christmas holiday, we have thankfully seen very few infections in either staff or children however we will remain vigilant. We are keeping our school and community safe with the following measures;

- **Regular handwashing**
- **Separate toilets for each class**
- **Increased cleaning;** for example, between groups of children eating lunch in the hall. Each classroom has cleaning and sanitising equipment for use by staff through the day.
- **Ventilation of all school buildings alongside monitoring CO2 levels in classrooms;** it can be cold, please can children wear vests or a base layer under their uniform if they are cold.
- **Reducing visitors to site;** at the moment parent meetings will be held virtually or on the phone.
- **Face masks;** adults in school are wearing masks in communal areas and around site. We continue to ask all adults to wear them on the school site unless medically exempt.
- **Separate areas at playtime;** Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 have one designated area, Year 4, 5 and 6 a separate area
- **Staggered lunchtimes;** Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 eat first between 12 and 12.30pm, Year 4, 5 and 6 eat between 12.30 and 1pm

Schools are no longer expected to identify the close contacts of cases of COVID-19 (unless in very exceptional circumstances as advised by Public Health) – close contacts are identified by the national Test and Trace system.

Children who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are no longer required to isolate unless they develop symptoms. However, they are advised to undertake daily lateral flow testing for 7 days as they are at a higher risk of developing COVID-19 in the days after the contact. If they test positive on a lateral flow, report the result and isolate.

Children should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or are unwell. If they do develop symptoms, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8 O C or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other commonly reported symptoms of recent variants include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek further testing if you are in any doubt.

School uniform

In the colder weather please can parents send a black hoodie or sweatshirt for children to wear with their PE kit, or their school jumper if they don't have one. Likewise, black jogging bottoms or leggings instead of shorts.

Children are expected to wear black shoes for school rather than boots or trainers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are in the process of organising trips to support the delivery of History and PSHCE later this term, there will be more details soon.

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| 14 th January | Rugby coach starts for all classes |
| February | Swimming lessons for Year 4 & 5 |
| 18 th March | Comic Relief |
| 18 th March | Forest School starts – Y1 to Y6 are all going, we will confirm dates nearer the time. |



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Music Lessons

We now have teachers in school for

- Woodwind; flute, clarinet and fife
- Keyboard
- Brass; trombone and cornet

Children in Year 4 and 5 are currently learning the violin with Mrs Lynch and Year 6 are learning the guitar.

Please click below to find out more about school music lessons and book direct;

[Music in Schools York](#)

[NYCC School Music Service](#)

2021-22 Term Dates

17th December: last day Autumn term

4th January: Spring 1 starts

21st to 25th February: half-term

8th April: last day Spring Term

9th to 24th April: Easter Holiday

25th April: Summer Term

2nd May: May Day

28th May to 6th June: Half-term

6th June: INSET Day

22nd July: last day Summer Term

[2022-23 Term dates are online](#)

RSPB Garden Bird Watch

School will be joining the RSPB's Big Bird Watch, to find out more and register please [click here](#).



Questions & Queries

Children's safety and happiness is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries please contact school on the admin email address;

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or by phone 01347 838427

Applications to start school in September 2022

The deadline to complete applications for starting reception in September is **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Please ensure that you have completed an [online application](#).