



Friday, 5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## Welcome back to Autumn Term part 2!

Hope you all had a great half term break. We are all pleased to be back and have had a successful first week of the half term.

### Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who donated food for the Harvest Festival. We made a significant contribution to the the Isle of Man Food Bank.

### Winter weather is usually cold

Unless it is very wet or windy our children have playtimes outside. This is usually three times a day. Now that it is getting colder, this is a reminder to ensure that they have coats and hats, scarves and gloves. Please make sure these items are named

### Forest School

We have recently had some small trees planted in Forest School. This is thanks to Mrs Bateman and the Isle of Man Woodland Trust for organising this. Some of our children helped with the planting. We are pleased to be helping our local environment in this way.

### COVID 19

Covid continues to circulate in our community and as a school we continue to work on advice from Public Health. We have proportionate protective measures in place. These include implementing regular hand washing for staff and pupils, ensuring all areas are well ventilated, enhanced cleaning and staff taking regular lateral flow tests. Staff and pupils may use PPE and we have PPE available for all visitors.

We remind you that if your child feels unwell or develops any COVID-19 symptoms, they should not attend school and stay at home. You should notify school as soon as possible and request a PCR test by going to the website or calling 111. If a pupil tests positive, they will be required to isolate at home for 10 days, in line with current Public Health advice. We will work with the contact tracing team to help identify close contacts, who do not need to self-isolate but may be asked to use LFD tests and take extra precautions to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19

Schools are not required to inform parents and guardians if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 as we are already operating with mitigation measures in place. The only exception will be clinically vulnerable students whose parents will be told if the school is informed. If you are unsure whether your child fits into this category, please contact school to check.

### Norovirus

This time of year is also the season of the winter vomiting bug! Please remember to observe the 48 hour rule if your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea (upset stomach). Children should not be brought to school until 48 hours after their last bout. Thank you in advance.

We have a busy half term ahead with lots of events planned. Please keep an eye on Facebook for reminders of upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you at some of them.

Yours sincerely

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