

Spring Newsletter January 2021

Message from the Headteacher

I am writing this newsletter during the Third National Lockdown. It saddens me that we are here again. Information from the BBC Suggests that in Enfield during the period 4th -10th Jan there were 1,072 cases in every 100,000 and a total of 23,842 cases. Enfield remains one of the London Boroughs with the highest rates. Due to these numbers we are prioritising health and safety at this time. I am however very hopeful that our next newsletter will be announcing the arrival of the vaccine for our staff which will help to protect everyone.

Currently we have a small number of children in school. As you know our pupils are unable to understand social distancing and they require staff to work closely with them to help them engage in their learning. Our staff are vulnerable to covid 19 due to the nature of work they do. Having completed a risk assessment for the 3 sites we are required to limit the number of children on site so that staff are not exposed to additional risk. Therefore we have limited places to the most vulnerable children. Children with a social worker have been offered a full time place and children whose parents are key workers have also been offered places. Other children whose parents require respite will be offered part time places when they are required.

If your child received a shielding letter in the first National Lockdown the advice is that these children are safest at home. Some pupils who have a shielding letter are attending school for a limited time if it is felt in the best interest of the child.

Before our Christmas break we had a number of covid 19 outbreaks. It is clear that despite staff wearing ppe and staying in bubbles this virus spreads easily. Some staff who have contracted the virus and their family members have become very poorly, with some members needing hospital attention.

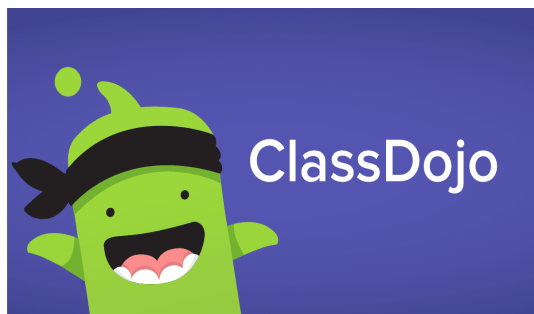
School can now test staff and pupils for the virus. Enfield has also introduced 7 mass testing centres which offer quick and easy testing. Results are available within 30 minutes. We hope parents will consent to having their children tested when they attend school as this will reassure both parents and staff and enable us to support more pupils.

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/news-and-events/enfields-first-community-coronavirus-mass-testing/>

We are in the season of cough and colds which makes it very difficult to assess whether the children and young people have the covid 19 virus. It is essential that children and young people stay at home if they have any symptoms covid or not. This will reduce the need for us to close down classrooms and departments. If

you or anyone in your household has a cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell the whole household **must** isolate until the person with the symptoms has had the results of the test. If you send your child into school while a member of the household has symptoms you are placing the staff and pupils at risk. **Please follow this rule strictly**, so we can all stay safe.

Visitors We are currently not open to visitors.



774 Last week

Home learning

I am really impressed that we now have 99% of families signed into class dojo. You are using class dojo well and I hope you are finding it useful.

Below is a summary of last week's activities on class dojo

Messages sent to families



Photos and videos shared

121 Last week



Positive feedback %

100% Last week



You will have been contacted by a member of the class team to discuss remote learning for your child. Please support this as much as you can. If however you are balancing work and remote learning please be kind to yourselves. You are great parents and are managing this difficult situation well. We have you all in our minds every day and we can't wait to return to a time when we can have everyone back into school. For now use your key worker to assist you with home learning as much as you can manage and try to find ways to have fun at least once a day.

Waverley Association for Special People (WASP) WASP are always eager to hear your fundraising ideas. If you would like to make a donation you can do it through the school website or click the link below: <http://waverley-school.com/for-everyone-2/wasp/>



Fundraising School Playground Can you help? We need to raise £ 76,796 to complete the final phase.



[Read more on our website](#) Please keep an eye on our website for updates. There are new policies on the website, these include the safeguarding policy. Please take a few moments to read these policies as they hold a lot of information about the school.



Providing Free school meals to voucher during Covid. Pupils that were not in school the first week of January 2021, would have received £10 supermarket vouchers. If your child came in two days they would have received £5.

The week beginning the 11th January 2021, you will receive £12.50. If your child is at school your child will receive their meal at school. Some families may receive **additional funds** to repay the under funding received last week. The vouchers are only for pupils eligible for free school meals and year groups Reception to Year 2.

Edenred: The Department of Education informed schools this week that families are entitled to £15 per week, this will be sent to you fortnightly starting the 18th January 2021. This will either be sent directly to you by edenred or via the school email. We will of course try and keep you informed of any changes. This is only for pupils eligible for **free school meals and pupils whose parents no recourse to public funds.**



Food Bank We have a small food bank running in school with donations from staff, families and Morrisons. If you are in need of support from the food bank let your class teacher know and we can arrange for a parcel to be delivered to you. We cannot rely on these donations on a regular basis so if you require weekly support please contact the local food banks or your social worker.

Little Free Pantry

Free Food for Families and the Financially Insecure
10.00 - 12.00 Tuesday mornings



We know it's a challenging time for everyone at the moment so we aim to support people who are struggling financially.

We **do not** require a referral or voucher but we will ask you for some basic information to help us understand the causes of poverty. No personal information will be retained or shared with other organisations.

Our food has been donated by The Felix Project, individual gifts, and through the generosity of Zebras Children and Adults Charity. When it's gone, it's gone!



Zebras Children and Adults Charity
working with
Ponders End United Reformed Church
College Court, EN3 4EY
(Behind Lovell's portacabins - opposite Ponders End Park)



Term Dates 2020-2021

- Mon 15th Feb 21 - Fri 19th Feb 21 Feb half term 2021 - school closed to pupils
- Mon 22nd Feb 21 pupils back to school
- Fri 2nd Apr 21 - Mon 19th Apr 21 Easter holidays - school closed to pupils
- Tues 20th Apr 21 pupils back to school
- Mon 3rd May 21 May bank holiday 21
- Mon 31st May 21-Fri 4th Jun 21 May half term 2021 - school closed to pupils
- Mon 7th Jun 21 Pupils back to school



We welcome Sheniz to Waverley. Sheniz works in the office.

