



Cargenbridge School Updates and information

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Mrs Watson says..... A huge welcome back to everyone. We hope you all had a lovely summer. The children and staff have all settled back into school well. All our new starts have done so well and coping so well with getting to know all the new routines and people. A special welcome to Mr Nordkil and Miss Marchbank who will be with us this year. Miss Marchbank will work across all the classes throughout the week.

As you will all be aware the number of positive cases in D and G is alarmingly high so we need to be very careful in order to keep everyone safe. Please follow all safety measures and if in doubt please get your child or yourself tested. The 3 main symptoms are still in place but we do know other symptoms are around such as sore head, sore throat and cold like symptoms. Please always err on the side of caution to keep everyone safe. As always if your child is not well and needs Calpol they should not come to school as Calpol may be masking Covid symptoms.

From 9 August, all close contacts under 18 years old will be identified using a risk based approach. Schools and other educational settings will no longer be as extensively involved in supporting contact tracing. Whole classes or groupings of pupils where the nature of contact presents a low risk of transmission, will no longer be contacted individually or required to self-isolate; they will receive a warn and inform letter. This means that for all contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19: Test and Protect (TaP) will identify individual contacts where the nature of the contact presents a high risk of transmission to children, young people and adults (e.g. household, sleepover, closer contact), and give them individualised messages about testing and self-isolation according to national guidance.

Please as you have done throughout, notify the school straight away if anyone is having to be tested and the result when you have it. If someone is displaying symptoms and being tested then all members of the household should isolate until the results are through. If your child tests negative they can return back to school as long as you are vigilant and the child has no symptoms and they can isolate from any positive case(s) in the household. If one only child in the family has been contacted by Test and Protect then other siblings can come to school.

Please read the attached advice from Test and Protect about managing Covid-19 in schools. This is very important, so please take the time to read it. Thanks.

A reminder that at drop off and pick up there should only be one adult accompanying the child. If possible once your child is able to they should be encouraged to come into school themselves.

One change we have made is we have now created two playground bubbles which means that the children are all playing with a greater number of other children from other classes, thus extending their social group. We have a P1-3 and P7 bubble, this means that our P7s this year are able to get to know and support their buddies more than last year. Our second bubble is P4-6, which means that the children in P5 who are spilt across two classes will be able to play together outside. We hope that this is just an interim measure until we can all play freely again in the playground. The children are still in their class bubbles inside.

***** **Some Reminders**

We do expect every child to come to school with **water** in a suitable water bottle. The children can drink this throughout the day. We also expect **snacks to be healthy**—such as fruit or raw veg, yoghurt, etc. In relation to packed lunches, everyone deserves a treat but please try to limit the amount of sugary food included in the packed lunch. We are a health promoting school and we want to ensure what our pupils eat and drink do not effect their focus and concentration during learning time. **Remember we are a nut free school as we have a child who has a nut allergy. No food with any type of nut should be brought into school. Thank you for your support.**

Special Dietary Requirements - If your child has a special diet they need to follow due to medical issues or cultural background, then forms need to be completed. These can be collected from the office.

Sickness and Diarrhoea Bugs - Reminder that children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this. This is to help stop the spread of this bug. Thank you

Coats to School - The weather has been great this week but please ensure your child brings a jacket with them to school. Our weather is so changeable and we do like to get them outside at breaks as much as we can.

Update forms - Your child should have brought home an envelope with data update forms. Please complete these and return them as soon as you can. **Flu Vaccination packs** will also be issued today these should be returned asap and by next **Fri 3rd September**.

This term finishes on **Friday 8th October**, with term 2 starting again on **Monday 25th October**