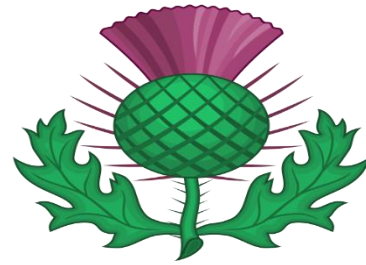


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the January/February 2022 edition of our nursery newsletter. We hope you are all feeling refreshed, rested and ready for the new term. On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you so much for all the kind wishes and gifts received before Christmas.

This is a really important term in the nursery year for the children, where a lot of new learning takes place and when we start to really prepare for transitions. Please try to support us by ensuring that children are in nursery as much as possible. We will be monitoring attendance and late-coming closely and will be seeking to work with families to secure improvement where needed, so please contact us if you need any support.

You will also be aware that the national guidance around Covid isolation has changed from the 6th of January. We have included some details in this newsletter for your reference, but don't hesitate to contact us to discuss your circumstances if you are unsure.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and informative, but if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, keep an eye out for our tweets and emails for the latest updates.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McCulloch  
Head Teacher (Acting)



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## **Children's Learning**

This month the children have been learning about dinosaurs and have enjoyed taking part in lots of interesting and challenging learning experiences. We have explored different types of dinosaurs and discovered that some eat meat and are carnivores, some eat plants and are herbivores, and some eat both and are called omnivores. The children went into the secret garden for a dinosaur hunt, they found lots of clues, footprints, and dinosaur eggs. We have made ice dinosaur eggs and used dinosaur models along with various construction toys, to create homes for them. The children have shown lots of interest in this topic and are able to talk about all the different names and most can sort them into sets of the same type.

The children have also had the opportunity to learn about 2d and 3d shapes. We have used them in our artwork and in maths learning experiences. We have also restarted our language groups where the children can listen and retell the stories in their own words, learn new vocabulary, learn nursery rhymes, and take part in the Sunnybank literacy program.

We have now also started using the balance and two-wheeler bikes. Already we have budding Chris Hoy's in our midst!

## **Secret Garden**

We plan to use some of our funds to purchase items to improve our Secret Garden and to ensure we are utilising it to its full potential. To help with this we need some help. We are looking for volunteers to help us to tidy and to replant. If you are enthusiastic about gardening, and have any time to spare, we would be grateful for any volunteers. Please speak to Mrs Johnston as soon as possible if you would be willing to help us – thank you!

## **Burns Day**

In celebration and recognition of Robbie Burns on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, we would like to invite the children to wear something tartan. We will be tasting lots of different Scottish foods and the children will be able to take part in a variety of Scottish learning experiences. If you would like more



### **Dates for your Diary**

**24<sup>th</sup> January**

**Registration deadline for all children starting P1 in August.**

**25<sup>th</sup> January**

**Burns Day- Wear something Tartan.**

information on the food being tasted or if you do not wish your child to take part in the tasting please advise their keyworker.

### Clothes

Can we remind parents to supply a pair of rubber-soled shoes for nursery and wellies for outdoors. It would be appreciated if these could be left in the building to avoid cross contamination. All clothes and shoes should be labelled with your child's name.

### Snack Fund

A gentle reminder that toy/ snack fund is £2 per week. This allows us to buy healthy snack and provide treats and toys required for the nursery.



### Twitter

Please make sure you follow our Twitter page <https://twitter.com/MossendPS>. We regularly post photographs and updates.

### OneNote

All children have a OneNote account where Keyworker's document the children's learning journey. If you cannot access your child's OneNote please speak to your child's keyworker.

### Arrangements in Severe Weather

At this point of the year, it is vital that we all prepare for the possibility of inclement weather. Please familiarise yourself with our adverse weather arrangements for the winter months.

- The school must remain open, unless instructed to close by the Local Authority.
- In the event of a school closure, parents will be notified by text message, and via Twitter. It is essential that emergency contact details are up to date and accurate for every child. Please see the school office if there have been any changes to your own details.



### Dates for your Diary

#### February 2022

Mid-term break Monday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Feb – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### April 2022

School and nursery closes  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2.30pm

Spring Break 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April  
(inclusive)

#### May 2022

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – May Day  
Holiday  
Thursday 5 May In-service Day  
Friday 27 May 2022 – May Day  
Holiday

(One day has been moved  
due to Queen's Jubilee  
celebrations)

#### June 2022

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
celebrations

School and nursery closes:  
Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 1pm



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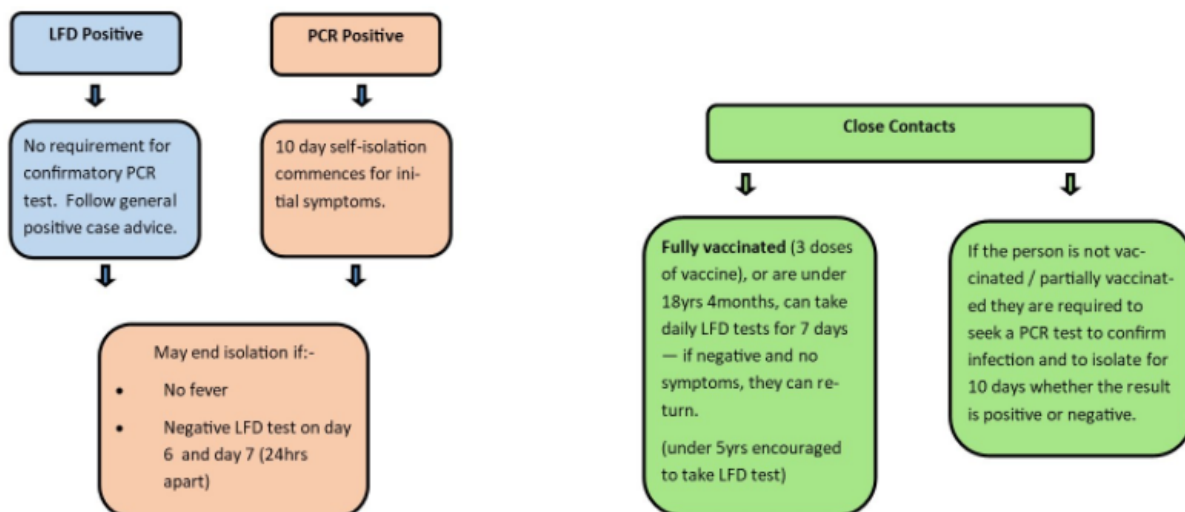


- In severe weather, e.g. heavy ice and snow, then there will only be one access point to the school, which will be via the main gate.
- The school facilities staff are responsible for clearing a safe path through the school grounds to the access doors, however please note that public paths around the school, do not fall under the responsibility of the school.

## Covid and Isolation Updates

### New Isolation Guidelines effective from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022:

There is no longer a requirement for a follow up confirmatory PCR for **asymptomatic** individuals who test positive via LFD; they should isolate as a positive case as per the advice below. Individuals with symptoms should seek a PCR test. Further detail on the approach to self-isolation and testing for those with symptoms, or those who test positive, is available at NHS Inform. **The new guidance came into effect from midnight 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for any new cases and is not retrospective.**



Updated 06/01/22

From the 6th of January, there have been some updates to the guidance for Covid isolation, which you can see detailed in the flowchart above. Where a primary school pupil becomes a close contact

of a positive case in the community, they can still attend school as long as they do not have symptoms, and have a negative lateral flow each day for 7 days.

Where a pupil tests positive by lateral flow, they no longer need to go for a PCR test. They should isolate for 10 days, but can end their isolation early on day 7 **if** they return a negative lateral flow test on day 6 **and** day 7 of their isolation.



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