

## **Headteacher's Blog November 2021**

### **Covid-19 Update**

Our updated Risk Assessment and Contingency Plan is on the school website.

The staff have agreed to maintain the current system of measures, rather than return to stricter bubbles, as both the pupils and staff have benefitted from having greater normality. As per the Contingency Plan, if we have any in-school cases, then we will bring back staged, restrictive measures, in-line with the number of cases and Public Health England advice.

Unfortunately, the updated NCC guidance means we will not be able to hold any large-scale audience events, such as the Nativity. I am, however, hoping that several school visits can still take place, following careful risk assessment by ourselves and venues, and with agreement from NCC. So, as long as we have no cases prior to visits, such as Robinwood, these should be able to take place. We do need you to be vigilant for symptoms and let us know about any close contact cases.

### **Clothing**

Please can you provide your child/children with some extra, warm layers, such as thermals or an extra fleece, as we have to increase ventilation with windows open and it is harder to maintain temperatures when the weather is now getting much colder. Putting coats on indoors often restricts movement for writing etc. and if they have got damp outdoors, this is less comfortable too.

### **Food Bank Donations**

A huge thank you for your excellent contributions for our Harvest Festival collection. A video of the service is available on School360.

### **Wi-Fi Upgrade**

During half-term, we have had a new Wi-Fi system installed. This was funded by the Department for Education and should future-proof our provision. BT are just awaiting a delayed component they need for our broadband connection, then we will eventually have our fibre to premises connection too!

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care and stay safe!

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