



Robert Miles Infant School

24th January 2022 Newsletter

Remote Learning

Work for children who are having to isolate and are well enough to work, will be set on Tapestry. Please prioritise reading as this helps every other area of the curriculum. The year group page on the website has a 'Home Learning' section which contains some links which you may also find useful. Please contact school if you need some help with access to a computer.

Covid

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times. Our priority is to continue to provide face to face teaching for our children. Staff are working hard to cover absences and provide continuity.

New Guidance:

- **Changes to self-isolation period**

As of Monday, 17 January 2022, self-isolation for those with COVID-19 can end after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 or day 6 and do not have a temperature. Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation. *It should also be noted that under isolation rules, the day symptoms begin or when an individual tests positive is classed as day zero. The next day is day one of the isolation period.*

- **Face coverings - Year 7 and above**

Face coverings are not required for any of our children and have only been recommended for children in the Juniors and above. From Thursday 27th, they are no longer required although staff are still welcome to wear them if they prefer and we would encourage visitors to continue to wear them.

- **Face to face gatherings**

We have previously avoided large face to face gatherings, including staff briefings and assemblies. When we feel our cases are low enough to safely reinstate this we will resume them and look forward to welcoming families back into school.

Chinese New Year

Celebrations begin on **31 January** and we are planning to have a special meal together. Children will have the opportunity to try use chopsticks to eat their meal! Some of our families will be bringing in traditional food to taste. Please let your class teacher know if there are any allergies we are not aware of.

On **1 February** families choose to wear something red, pink, gold or traditional Chinese clothes. We are inviting children to come to school in these colours if they wish. This is the day of fireworks and the dragon dance. Whilst we can't have fireworks, we will have a go at the dragon dance! Classes will learn all about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and teachers have planned lots of lovely activities.

Kool Kidz

Whether you use our wrap around care or not, we would be interested in your views about what we currently offer and help to shape the future of Kool Kidz. I will be sending out a short questionnaire to all parents and would really appreciate you taking the time to fill it in.

Timings

Apologies for any confusion over the timings for our day. The school day is 6.5 hours, which includes breaks and lunch. The school day is now 6.5 hours and aligns with the juniors for drop off and pick up.

The school day starts at 8.45. This is the time that teachers take their class into school and the school day begins. The 5 minutes before the gates are locked is to enable parents to exit, not for arrivals. **If you arrive after 8.45 please go to the reception** to sign your child in. We have a number of children who are often arriving late and I would urge you to please get to school on time. Thank you.

Robert Miles Infant Morning	Robert Miles Junior Morning	Robert Miles Infant Afternoon	Robert Miles Junior Afternoon
School gates open: 8.30		School gates open: 3.05	
Bell goes & Reception doors open: 8.45			
Gates close: 8.50			
School starts: 8.45	School starts: 9.00	School finishes 3.15	School finishes 3.30

Kind Regards,
Mrs S Adams