



## Beecholme Newsletter 13th January, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Happy New Year!

I do hope you managed to have some enjoyment over the Christmas holidays and have kept safe and well. The staff and I wish to thank you for your cards and gifts, it was very generous and thoughtful of you.

The children have returned to school positively and are getting back into their routines. Please can you ensure that your children arrive to school on time so the learning can begin smoothly at the beginning of the day. There will be a big focus on attendance, punctuality and persistent absence this term.

In Celebration assembly it was wonderful hearing all the reasons why the children had their 'Be the Best you can Be' certificate. They are definitely developing their learning skills and becoming more independent. Have a look on Seesaw to see which child received the certificate in the class today.

On health and safety grounds, children should not wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small, stud earrings in pierced ears, a watch and small objects of religious significance.

The Friends of Beecholme (FOBs) are hoping to organise an event this term. Further information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

I look forward to an exciting and enjoyable term with lighter mornings and warmer weather!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sternberg

### Keeping Everyone Safe at Beecholme

As you will be aware, there have been some changes to government guidance over the holidays, regarding isolation periods. The guidance is as follows at **present** but is due to change. We will update you when it does.

*Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart.*

*This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.*

*Health and social care workers, including those working in education settings, should continue to follow guidance for their sector on taking LFD tests on day 8, 9 and 10. For more information visit:*

*[COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients or residents in health and social care settings.](#)*

**Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.**

*Further information, including examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms, is available in the*

*[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.](#)*

In school, staff will continue to wear masks in communal areas. Heavy ventilation will be ensured throughout the school and therefore given the time of year, we would strongly advise children wearing additional layers of clothing underneath their uniform.



We are excited to let you know that at Beecholme we now speak Spanish! Key Stage 2 classes started their lessons last term, learning about greetings, feelings and numbers. We are also starting to learn about different places in the Spanish-speaking world. Soon we will start introducing rhymes and songs to some of our younger learners too!

### Dates

Spring Half-Term

**14th— 18th February 2022**

All Children return

**Monday, 21st February 2022 at their usual time.**

Please see the school website for all of the school term dates.

**NHS**  
Test and Trace

Self-isolation rules have changed

**How** have they changed?

From day 6 of self-isolation take a rapid lateral flow test every 24 hours.

After two negative results in a row you can stop self-isolating, whether you're vaccinated or not.