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New Covid Self-Isolation Guidance – 23.9.21

A message from Cumbria County Council

Managing COVID-19 cases is becoming increasingly challenging for educational settings in Cumbria, so Cumbria’s Director of Public Health, Colin Cox and education leaders have agreed the following local additional advice measures to be implemented from Thursday 23 September.

Children and young people aged between the ages of 5 and 16, (unless exempt – see below) should now be advised to stay at home when a sibling tests positive for COVID-19 (via either a PCR or Lateral Flow test). 3-5 days following the onset of symptoms in the sibling who has tested positive (or test date if the positive case had no symptoms), the close contact child should get a PCR test. If this is negative, they can return to the setting, but should isolate again immediately and get another test if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 at a later date.

The groups exempt from this advice and able to continue to attend the setting when identified as a close contact of a sibling positive case are:

- 12-18 year-olds who have had at least one dose of the vaccine more than 14 days ago
- Any child aged between 5 – 16 who has tested positive for COVID-19 themselves via a PCR test within the past 90 days.

Why is this guidance being issued now?

In the week ending 17 September 2021, the 12-18 age group accounted for the greatest number of new cases in Cumbria followed by the 5-11 age group (+524 and +412 new cases respectively).

The 12-18 and 5-11 age groups also accounted for by far the greatest rates of new cases in Cumbria (1,431 and 1,106 new cases per 100k population respectively).

The 5-9 age group experienced the greatest numerical and proportional increase in new cases (+53%).

Reminders about School Life

Drinks – All pupils have access to clean, fresh water in school. We encourage all children to bring a water bottle or appropriate container so that they can have a drink during the day. Younger children are offered milk or water in the morning, but they should also have a water bottle for drinks. Juice is not allowed in school because we want to create a healthy drinking environment for all pupils.

Snacks – Healthy snacks can be brought in to school. This includes fruit, vegetables, fruit pots and health bars. Children should not bring in sugary snack bars or any form of chocolate. This is also part of our drive to have a healthy school with lots of healthy eating habits.

Shoes – A number of children are arriving in school wearing trainers. As set out in the Home/School Agreement, footwear for school must be black, polishable shoes and nothing else. Trainers and plimsolls are to be worn during PE lessons. Year 5 and 6 children can come to school on Thursday morning in full PE kit as they have PE straight away in the day. Pupils must have the correct full school uniform to change into after PE.

We need to ensure that all children are following these guidelines and hope that parents and carers will be able to cooperate in all that we do to provide a healthy environment for your children. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Attendance

There have been a few colds and sniffles recently so this has affected the totals in most classes. Well done to the pupils in the Phoenix class again for having the best attendance in the school. This time you are joined by our youngest pupils in the Little Trolls. Keep up the good work.

17.9.21	Little Trolls	Gnomes	Dragons	Phoenixes	Griffins	School
	97.5%	95.6%	93.9%	97.5%	88.1%	94.2%

Football News

CUFC Ticket Scheme – We are very pleased to have been invited to take pupils from Years 3-6 to Carlisle United’s home game against Tranmere Rovers on Saturday 16th October at 3pm. A letter has been sent out to all KS2 pupils who wanted one and we look forward to taking as many as possible to the match.

WBS - Working, Believing, Succeeding – A Wonderful Bridge to Success

CUFC Football Training – CUFC coaches are holding training sessions over the October half-term. These are being run by the CUFC Community Sports Trust. To enrol on the course telephone: 01228 554169. You can also contact the coaches online. Emails soccerschools@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk. The website is www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk.

School Football – Warwick Bridge School will be playing in the William Howard six a side Football tournament on Saturday 2nd October. We will be taking two teams to the tournament and hope that all the players enjoy the morning's competition.

Bike to School Week

During the Y5 Cyclewise Bikeability week, the whole school will be taking part in the Sustrans Bike to School Week. This runs from Monday 27th September to Friday 1st October. It would be great to see as many pupils and adults as possible cycling and scooting their way to school. Please take the time between now and then to make sure that bikes and scooters are in tip-top working order.

Year 5 Pupils Cyclewise

All Year 5 pupils need to bring in their bicycles next week as our annual Year 5 Cyclewise sessions with Robin will commence. Mr Ashton will be joining the groups as they carry out a number of different activities and exercises both on and outside the school grounds. Pupils have been reminded that they must be able to cycle to a good standard in order to be allowed off-site and onto the surrounding roads. Bikes must be in excellent working order with brakes that are fully functioning.

Nature's Calendar at Talkin Tarn, Sunday 3rd October. 10am-1.30pm

"Come and celebrate the changing of the seasons and learn how to record the signs of autumn in your area for the Woodland Trust's Nature's Calendar database. We'll head out on a family friendly walk to encounter trees in their autumn colours and then look at how you can upload your own records into Nature's Calendar".

This session is part of the Fellfoot Forward Landscape Partnership Scheme. The scheme is especially hoping to bring families together for this event, but everyone who wants to learn a bit more about trees and get more in touch with the changing of the seasons is welcome. Bring a packed lunch or picnic. Booking is essential.

To find out more and to book click [here](#) or contact Jack: jack@northpenninesaonb.org.uk

Year 5/6 Assembly

Well done to our Year 5/6 pupils who performed their fantastic assembly on the theme of *Concentration*. It was especially good to see the number of adults who came along to enjoy this assembly. After many months of lockdown and not having visitors in school, it was especially pleasing to see adults and carers back in.

Year 1 News

Jigsaw, the children's arm of the Eden Valley Hospice, have asked our Year 1 pupils to appear in a special promotional fundraising video for the festive season. This involves them running around the playground wearing reindeer antlers. We look forward to seeing the end product when it is filmed next week.

Platinum Bank Holiday 2022

The government has decided that Friday 3rd June will be taken as a national Bank Holiday to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II. As this date falls in the half-term break, schools have been allowed to take the Jubilee Bank Holiday on another date. Warwick Bridge School will be taking this day **on** Tuesday 4th January so that all staff are able to have the Bank Holiday that other workers will be having on the 3rd June. This means that Wednesday 5th January is now a staff training day (INSET) and pupils should return to school on **Thursday 6th January**.

All the best for a relaxing weekend

Mr M Ashton