



## Spring Term Update 3

31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Covid Update**

As of last Thursday, the government's 'Plan B' came to an end which removed certain protocols from our daily routines. That being said, we still have a few cases of Covid across the school and although these do not constitute 'an outbreak', I have taken the decision to maintain our current arrangements throughout the school.

We will maintain our blended approach to assemblies and whole school gatherings in order to minimise the number of pupils and staff in any one enclosed space. We will continue to track absences closely to monitor possible links, although the local authority are beginning to scale back their support of Covid management in school and it will be for us to deal with.

Isolation currently stands at five days, as reported a couple of weeks ago, providing a negative lateral flow test is carried out on day five and day six. Should you need any advice on isolation, Mrs Lanni and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I have received some lovely feedback from parents who have had a child isolate and engage with online learning. I think it is worth saying a huge 'thank you' to my teaching team who have worked tirelessly now for nearly two years to ensure all our pupils have received quality teaching throughout and missed out on very little.

### **Road Safety**

I mentioned in my blog the other day my thoughts on road safety around the Whitehill Road crossing in Mr Waluk's recent absence. In my assembly this morning, I spoke to the pupils about the recent changes to the Highway Code but reminded of the need to be vigilant when crossing any of the roads around the school.

I have witnessed for myself slightly 'interesting' driving around the school entrances and I would ask all of us who drive to school to pay particular attention for pupils crossing roads and driveways.

### **Do you have some time?**

A fellow Hitchin Headteacher has asked me to share the following to see if any local parents have a couple of hours to spare, once in a while.

*A local primary school, in Hitchin, is looking for a clerk for their Governing Body. The successful candidate will have good minute taking skills and the ability to communicate effectively, work under pressure and meet deadlines. Training in understanding the legislation, and practice of school governing bodies, would be provided.*

*Hours: Approximately 12 meetings per year, held in the evenings.*

*Payment: The post holder will be paid £15 per hour for the duration of each meeting, to the nearest 15 minutes, plus an additional 3 hours per meeting for preparation, drafting minutes etc.*

*If you are interested in applying, please contact Alison Sharp on 01462 432950, for more information, or, alternatively, email [admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk)*

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of the school.

Best wishes,



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