



We would like to say a huge thank you to Beth Roberts, our PGCE student who has been working with us in Goldfinch Class since September. Beth will finish at the end of next week for some time at Bath Spa University, before starting her next placement at a different school in the trust. We are really going to miss Beth as she has totally immersed herself into school life and become part of the team. We wish Beth good luck with the final elements of her degree and look forward to welcoming another PGCE student to the school for the second half of the year.

You may well have heard about the changes to the Covid restrictions across the country and in schools this week. New guidance has been issued to us which includes face coverings no longer being advised in school classrooms for staff and visitors from next Thursday, or in communal areas either.

A number of parents have been enquiring about Hepa air purifiers in schools to help with the air quality. We have been provided with three CO2 monitors which currently rotate around the classrooms. The measurements are recorded and analysed as to whether they are red (>1500) orange (between 800 and 1500) and green (<800). Should the numbers increase a window or door is opened. We are lucky that all the classrooms have a door which opens to the outside and therefore air circulates well. Although the outside temperature is cold at the moment all our classrooms are generally warm. You may however, still want to provide your child with extra layers. Air purifiers have been provided to 7000 schools nationally. Having doors to the outside world means that we will not qualify for a Government issue purifier. As the restrictions are easing this next week the urgency for this equipment has diminished. We will continue to monitor the CO2 levels in all classrooms and ensure spaces are well ventilated.

Covid Update

We will continue to keep you updated each week on any developments at school regarding Covid.

We currently have one case within the school; a member of staff who is feeling OK and will return to school next week. Please do inform us if your child has a positive lateral flow test, you now no longer need to get a confirmatory PCR test but isolate for 5 days. If your child then produces two negative lateral flow tests at least 24 hours apart, with the first taken no earlier than day 5 they may return to school. If your child is showing symptoms of Covid but produces a negative lateral flow, we would ask that you still book a PCR.

We have had many requests for work for children who are not in school for various reasons. Please note the following which is applicable to all schools regarding remote learning:

My child is awaiting a PCR result - work will be provided by the school

My child has Covid - work will be provided, but only needs to be completed should your child feel well enough

My child is ill (other illness) - work will not be provided as your child is not well enough to be in school

My child is not attending as we think it is not safe due to Covid - no work will be provided