



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is not the start to the spring term that any of us expected or wanted. However, the Prime Minister made it clear that in his view, all schools are vectors for transmission and there was no alternative but to partially close schools. I hope that the vaccination roll out will gather pace and schools will open to all children as soon as possible.

We currently have 104 children still attending daily at Foxmoor Primary and Little Foxes will be open fully from Monday 11th January 2021. Schools have currently received no guidance from the Department for Education so the Local Authority have issued some interim guidance which is broadly in line with the first lockdown. We are working to this guidance but will update our procedures as and when necessary.

STAFFING UPDATE

We currently have two members of staff who have received shielding letters, two members of staff who are shielding due to family members and one member of staff who has to self-isolate for ten days. As a result of their willingness staff are stepping in to cover these absences and for that I am very grateful.

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning will continue to be set each Monday ready for the week ahead. For primary schools, the recommendation is that teachers set an average of three hours per day of remote learning. Obviously, there will be differences depending on the age of the children. Teachers are trying to strike a balance between setting enough work but not too much. Please use the class email address to contact your child's teacher if you have any issues.

Thank you for the positive comments and for the constructive recommendations for improvements we have received so far. I know some parents have raised questions with teachers regarding our remote learning offer and in particular live lessons. We will be reviewing remote learning in the coming week but the offer we make is largely governed by the number of children in school and the fact that teachers and teaching assistants are still in class teaching full-time. It is not governed by a lack of IT infrastructure in school. I will confirm any changes to you all in due course.

If you have any questions regarding our remote learning offer in general, can you please direct these to me via the admin@ email address. I am also happy to speak to parents directly. I can be contacted on 01453 757251.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS 2021

Due to the current lockdown, the Department for Education has announced that there will be no end of key stage statutory assessments this year.

WARM CLOTHES IN SCHOOL

As part of the government guidelines, we have to keep windows and some external doors open to aid ventilation. As the weather becomes colder, it is important that all children have warm clothing in school. If you would like to send your child in with extra layers then please do so. This could include a fleece or gilet.

CORONAVIRUS REPORTING

Details of the three main coronavirus symptoms and what to do if your child or a family member has symptoms or tests positive is set out in the section below. **Under no circumstances are parents to send children into school knowing that their child has been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case.** This is so we can keep all of our school community safe.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

It is vital that we all work together to minimise the risk of any coronavirus outbreak. The government have issued clear guidance on what to do if anyone within your household has any of the three main coronavirus symptoms. The three main symptoms are fever, a continuous dry cough or loss of sense of smell or taste. Please see the table below for what to do if any member of your household shows any of these symptoms.

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not come to schoolContact school dailySelf-isolateGet a testInform school immediately about the test result	The test comes back negative
My child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not come to schoolContact school dailySelf-isolate for at least 10 daysInform school immediately about the test result	They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the virus has gone
Somebody in my house has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not come to schoolContact school dailySelf-isolateHousehold member to get a testInform school immediately about the test result	The household member test is negative.
Somebody in my household tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not come to schoolContact school dailySelf-isolate for 14 days	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
NHS test and trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not come to schoolContact school dailySelf-isolate for 14 days	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not take unauthorised leave in term timeConsider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travelProvide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine period is required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not come to schoolContact school dailySelf-isolate for 14 days	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed

We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to discuss distance learning • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	Medical professional informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
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Richard Bridgewater
Headteacher

INFORMATION

School and Governor Contact:

01453 757251

Facebook @foxmoorprimaryschool

Family Lives Helpline:

0808 800 2222

www.familylives.org

Early Help Partnership Families First Plus Stroud:

01452 328130

www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

School Nurse Contact:

0300 421 8959

Early Years and Childcare:

0800 542 02 02

Gloucestershire County Council:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Friends of Foxmoor (FOF)

Facebook @friendsoffoxmoorschool

Contact: Natalie Hombrado via the school office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a list of current visits planned and some important dates. I hope you find it useful. Further dates will be added in subsequent newsletters.

Spring 2021	Term 3
4 th January	First day of Term 3
12 th February	Last day of Term 3
Spring 2021	Term 4
22 nd February	First day of Term 4
1 st April	Last day of Term 4

Headteacher: Mr Richard Bridgewater

Summer 2021	Term 5
19 th April	First day of Term 5
3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
27 th May	Last day of Term 5 for children
28 th May	Inset Day
Summer 2021	Term 6
7 th June	First day of Term 6
20 th July	Last day of Term 6 for children
21 st July	Inset Day