



'Respectful and resilient; being the best that we can be.'

Timothy Hackworth Primary School



28th February, 2022

CRC Article 29 – All children have the right to be the best that they can be.

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

CV19 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all!

I hope that you have enjoyed some lovely family time, stayed healthy and safe, and have found some time to relax this half-term.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last week regarding the easing of CV19 restrictions, I wanted to update you regarding how this affects our school currently.

As you are already aware, we continue to have staggered start and finish times, as well as other restrictions that we still have in place. We do plan to relax a number of these restrictions over time, however, as I have explained previously, this process needs to be gradual so as not to make significant changes to the children's routines all in one go. The children need time to adapt to new routines and ways of working, so that transitions are smooth, calm and become part of a newly-established routine.

We will shortly be introducing year group Bubbles, and year group playtimes, where the children will learn to play with other children, not only with those children who are in their class. I am sure that they will enjoy this!

As you will also be aware, on 24th February, the Prime Minister issued new guidance regarding CV19. **The Government's guidance for schools, states that any child or member of staff who tests positive from now onwards, should isolate for at least 5 days. Day 1 is counted as the date of the positive test result, or, the day that symptoms started. Just as before, an LFT test would be taken on Days 5 and 6. If these are both negative, then your child is able to return to school on Day 6, after their second LFT negative result. If your child still tests positive, then they must continue to isolate until they have two negative tests for two days in a row. We continue to recommend that any LFTs are taken early on a morning, before school, on Days 5 and 6. This is because, when your child has a second negative test, they can return to school after they have taken their second negative test, on that second day.**

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It is therefore important, that if your child does, unfortunately, test positive for CV19, they must isolate until they have two negative tests on Days 5 and 6, or for two consecutive days following this.

Should your child test positive for CV19, please notify school by contacting the School Office, or by sending an email to us at: timothyhackworth@durhamlearning.net

The guidance continues to be very complicated, so should you need any help with any of this, please contact us and we will be able to help you.

Should you have any questions that you would like to ask, please contact the School Office, or send an email via our school website.

We all very much look forward to continue working in partnership with you during this half-term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Boulton

Head Teacher