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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all – we hope you enjoyed the Christmas break!

COVID-19

There are still high numbers of children and young people in County Durham testing positive for COVID-19 and the highest case rates are in school age children. This is leading to spread of COVID-19 within families and into older age groups.

Just a reminder re current COVID guidelines:

- If a member of your household tests positive for COVID 19 children may still come to school but for they must have a lateral flow test each day before sending them in. All lateral flow tests (regardless of the result) should be registered online at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> You will receive an email and/or text to confirm the result and this should be forwarded to school. We will require sight of this before your child can return.
- Any child testing positive must self isolate for a minimum of 7 days. Lateral flow tests should be carried out on days 6 and 7 and if these are both negative they may return to school. Again, we need these results forwarded to school before your child is allowed back. If lateral flow tests are still positive, they will need to continue to isolate until their isolation period reaches 10 days.
- From Tuesday 11th January, you do not need to book a PCR if you or your child has a positive lateral flow test. The isolation period starts from the date of your lateral flow test and the instructions in the bullet point above should be followed.
- Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Tuckshop

There was no tuckshop on the first week back therefore tuckshop for this half term will be £1.80 until February half term or £3.60 if you would prefer to pay for the full term up to Easter. This should be paid for in the usual way via ParentPay.



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Wrap Around Care

Just a reminder that school operates both Breakfast and Tea Clubs if you need wrap around care. Breakfast club is from 8am and costs £3 per session.

Tea club runs from 3:15pm to 5:45 pm. Children are given a snack such as beans on toast, fruit and a drink. The cost is £8 for the whole session or £4 for a half session (3:15-4:30 pm).

If you would like to book your child into either of these, please use the booking form on our website <https://www.sherburnprimary.durham.sch.uk/parents/wraparound-care/>

Bookings must be made by the Thursday of the week before the required session(s).

Winter Weather Procedures

In the event of snow or ice, ALL children are to enter the school via the Main Entrance at their usual staggered times. The side entrance onto the playground will be locked. In the event of bad weather, you will receive a text to inform you of this so please make sure we have your up to date telephone number.

To avoid congestion at home time, Reception Class and KS2 will leave via Butterfly Garden, again at their staggered times. KS1 will leave as normal via the Main Entrance.

Thank you once again for everything you've done to keep your family and community safe, and for your patience in continuing to support our school during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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