



'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Easter Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe we have come to the end of the spring term, what a term it has been. The children have continued to amaze us with their resilience and how they have continued to adapt to living through a global pandemic. They have worked incredibly hard this term – initially with their remote learning and then back in school. It's difficult to believe that less than a month ago, most of the children were learning from home. The children are all enjoying the best things about being back in school, their face to face learning time with class teachers is obviously important.



However, the togetherness of being in class, playing outside with their friends and having that much needed social contact with their peers has been the most valued change after 3 months of lockdown.

I am incredibly proud of our school community for what we have been able to achieve and maintain over the past term and 12 months and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Bunbury staff, pupils, parents, governors, directors and members of the local community for your unwavering support. The dedication of all the staff has been outstanding and I have been amazed at the lengths that they have gone to, ensuring that learning, both at home and school this term, is as it should be – inspiring, motivating, engaging and above all fun! Your continued support, belief and trust in the staff team has been much appreciated and I wish to thank you all for the kind words, comments and emails which we have and continue to receive.

I have said in many of my communications to you all over the past year – our school is reliant upon children being in the building, making relationships and working together. Even though we have not all been able to be in school, I have been blown away by the ways in which our school communities continued in a virtual form. Thank you to all those who have attended our Friday night zoom social events, weekly worship sessions and our special services for religious festivals. Yet again we had nearly 90 callers on our Easter service today, including Rev Tim who opened and closed our service. I am sure you will all agree that the children performed brilliantly and are now getting quite professional at presenting over zoom.

As we will be breaking up on today for the Easter holiday, I would like to remind you of the process for informing the school of any positive Covid cases, should we have cases identified in the early part of the Easter break.

What should I do if my child develops symptoms during the Easter holidays?

If your child develops symptoms after school breaks up on **Thursday 1st April up to 6.00pm on**

Wednesday 7th April – please notify the school of this, using the following email:

principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk. You should then take your child for a test and notify the school of the result. We will conduct our track and trace process as above. If your child develops symptoms after 6.00pm on Wednesday 7th April, you should take your child for a PCR test. However, the school will not need to conduct track and trace in this instance as the symptoms started 48 hours or more after last contact in school or on school transport.



What happens if the test result comes back positive in the Easter holidays?

It may be that a child attends school this week, begins to show symptoms, subsequently isolates and has a Covid-19 test which turns out positive. The test result could come during the Easter break. If this is the case, please inform the school using the above email address. The above email address will be monitored between **7am and 10am** each day from **Friday 2nd April to Sunday 18th April**. Please only use this email address for Covid notifications. The facility to monitor and respond to further questions will not be available.

Can I also remind you that students should only return to school on **April 19th** if they:

- have not had any symptoms of COVID-19 in the previous 10 days
- do not live with anyone who has had symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result in the previous 10 days
- are not a direct or close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous 10 days
- have not travelled to a country that is not exempt from quarantine in the previous 10 days (or 5 days if they have participated in the test to release scheme).

As we move forward to the summer term, we have lots of events to look forward to. The children and staff are busily planning for Schools Fest week and we are currently looking at plans for how we can host Sports Day and Star day when we can welcome you all back on site. Our 'can do' spirit has and will continue to shine through all we do.

Traditionally, we usually end our spring term with a visit to the church as a school family for the Easter service. Sadly, we continue to be unable to do this. However, we may not have been able to gather altogether in the same room, but we've built a community that distance and disaster cannot break. That may well be our greatest achievement of all.

I wish you all a fantastic Easter weekend and break.

Look after yourselves and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th April.

Kind regards,



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