

ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

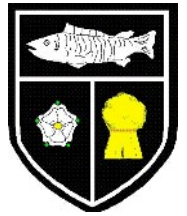
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Thursday 20th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to inform you that following a phone call with the local health protection team (LHPT), we are in a position to remove the majority of additional mitigations that were imposed to control the rapid increase in cases we experienced at the start of this term.

From Monday 24th January, we will revert back to standard school hours (the removal of staggered starts and collections). However, the following controls will remain in place:

- After school clubs will not resume until Monday 28th February 2022, at the earliest (this will be kept under review).
- Breakfast Club will continue with the partitioned seating plan.
- Mask wearing will be required amongst staff (in communal areas) and parents/carers will be encouraged to wear them at drop off & pick up (unless medically exempt). **The aforementioned is especially important given the highly transmissible Omicron variant of COVID-19.**
- The children's classrooms will continue to be arranged differently. This will result in pupils sitting side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face or side on.
- Whole-school Collective Worship and Sharing Assemblies will not take place in the hall. Collective Worship and the sharing of certificates will still take place in class groups via Google Meet.
- Continue to reinforce the importance of regular hand washing with soap and water or using hand sanitiser when soap and water are not readily available.
- Continue to promote good respiratory hygiene and "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" messages to encourage children to catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue and dispose of it in the nearest waste bin.

I would like to thank you for your support, flexibility and patience following the implementation of additional mitigations. I realise how inconvenient the aforementioned are, however, they allowed us to restrict the spread of infection during a period of high risk.



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"I have come in order that you may have life – life in all its fullness." John 10:10

I will remain in close contact with the local health protection team, and will if necessary reintroduce additional mitigations. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email (head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk), if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in working together to ensure the safety and well-being of all those in our school community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Buttery', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Mr. Andrew Buttery