

Family Update

1st April 2022



Updates

Hello everyone, I hope you have had a lovely week. Our exciting news this week is that we had two chicks hatch from our incubated eggs donated by Beaudesert Park Farm. Nicky and her science group set up a camera and a 'Chick Cam' for all classes to see their live-action hatching and their progress throughout the day (see below for pictures).

Today as a nation we move to the 'Living with Covid' guidelines. (Please see the back page for current advice that schools are receiving.) With national statistics showing that 1 in 13 people in England had Covid this week, we cannot be complacent especially with such vulnerable children in school, so we shall err on the side of caution where we have the flexibility to do so. The summary of DfE advice is: Stay off if feeling unwell and avoid contact with others, return only when temperature is back to normal and feeling well; Adults testing positive are to stay off and not contact others for 5 days, children testing positive are to stay off and not contact (non-essential) others for 3 days.

Our staff will also continue to test twice weekly whilst our LFT stocks last and as a residential special school we will be able to receive further tests if there is a Covid outbreak. For now we will continue to wear masks in corridors and communal areas of school and for close personal care. We continue to minimise mixing and children are still eating in their separate classrooms. We continue to encourage respiratory and hand hygiene. These additional precautions will remain in place and under review as Covid case numbers are monitored and will remain at least until all pupils have had the opportunity to be as well protected as the adults. Together we can work to keep everyone safe. Happy weekend, from Your Leadership Team

Photos from the Week



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Easter Raffle

Monday is your last chance to buy any Easter Raffle tickets! Pupils in Hornbeam class have been organising the Easter Raffle as part of their Enterprise project this half term. All money raised goes towards this year's Prom. Tickets are 50p each or £1 for a strip. There will be first, second and third prize hampers, shown below, including a range of seasonal prizes.

Good luck!



New Arrivals

It has been a very exciting week with the arrival of some chicks! Pupils have loved learning about how the eggs need to be incubated and how to candle them. At the start of the week, we noticed some cracks in the eggs and could hear some quiet chirping. On Tuesday, the first arrival came. A live webcam stream has been set up across the school so pupils could monitor the eggs and the chick. Pupils have also loved seeing the chicks when they have been brought round. Who knew they wouldn't be yellow?!



Parents Recommend

We have some great news from Sophie, an ex-pupil, for this week's recommendation.

"I would just like to let you know that the disabled/changing place at county hospital (Stafford) has now had a total new renovation and has had a new hoist, coach and grab rails. This has been my mission for a year and now it is complete. It will have a radar key at main reception, which has to be signed in and out and also a radar key in outpatients reception."

If you have anything you would like to share, please email it to:

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Key Dates

31st March—Full Governors

6th April—Easter Assembly
(Investigators Department)

8th April—Easter Eggstravaganza

11th April—Easter Holidays

25th April—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

26th April—Return to school



DfE Guidance:

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April. Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

For education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April:

- regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits
- residential SEND settings may be advised by their local health protection team to re-introduce some time-limited asymptomatic testing. This would be an exceptional measure, for targeted groups of staff and pupils or students (secondary age or above) in the event of a possible COVID-19 outbreak. These settings are scheduled to receive an automatic delivery of contingency supply test kits during the week commencing Monday 28 March.
- the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will publish new guidance. Most of the specific COVID-19 guidance for education and childcare settings will be withdrawn from GOV.UK on Friday 1 April.

[guidance for special schools and other specialist settings](#)

[guidance for parents and carers](#)