



# Newsletter March 2021



We are looking forward very much to welcoming all the children back to school on 8 March. We understand that while you may welcome your child's return to school, there may be also some anxiety within families. Full reopening does of course raise challenges and we want to reassure you that we will be making our school as safe as we possibly can when all pupils and staff return on 8 March. The measures we had in place during the Autumn term will continue and we will be updating our Risk Assessment in line with revised Government direction. Please see below for further information.

Our priorities for the children is to help them feel welcome, safe and secure, so that they can return to school happily and able to continue learning and be successful. We understand our children will need varying levels of support to re-adjust to school, and that a few may be feeling anxious. This is a totally natural feeling. We will be working in a graduated way over the next few weeks to support your child. We will be planning activities that support well-being, physical health, friendships and positive relationships. We will also be reflecting on and celebrating with your child on their home learning this term.

**Remote Learning** - In just a few days our remote learning will come to an end. As many of you breathe a sigh of relief, please remember to keep your child's login details safe. Should there be a Bubble closure or a need for self-isolation, teachers will provide remote learning. We have added a [Flow Chart](#) to our website providing guidance as to what provision will be offered.

A huge well done to the children, the teaching staff and all the parents/carers whose skills have grown immensely during the last couple of months. Everyone has most certainly been taken out of their comfort zone, working together to solve numerous problems. Thank you for your patience and support throughout.

**School Work and Reading Books** Please ensure your child's work is sent into school, if you haven't returned it to the class teacher. Please remember to send all reading books back too.

**Loaned Computer Equipment** - If you have been loaned a laptop or tablet from school, please return it to the school office on March 8, or as soon as possible after that. Many thanks.



**Fols – the Friends of Lyng School are still busy behind the scenes to raise money for the school. We thank them for their continued support and enthusiasm, especially whilst it has been so challenging to arrange events**

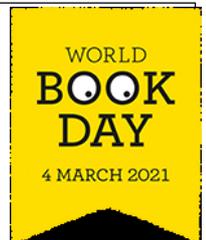


**They have recently launched our school as a Good Cause in the weekly Our Breckland Lottery. Please see the Fols facebook page or the Our Breckland Lottery page for information.**

<https://www.ourbrecklandlottery.co.uk/support/find-a-good-cause>

## On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, it is World Book Day.

We will be celebrating books and reading. Teachers will be planning some activities for you to celebrate the day.



### Book Vouchers



Every family will receive a world book day voucher. This will be emailed out to you. Instructions for redeeming the voucher are included with the voucher.

There is a selection of books available for exchange of one voucher or it can be used to purchase books of a higher value. If anyone is unable to print off the voucher, we have some in school. Please just ask.

**School Meals:** Hot meals (main meal) will resume for all pupils. The hot meal will be offered to all Cherry and Willow pupils, unless a jacket potato option is selected by parents in advance. In addition, Rowan and Oak pupils also have the option of a packed lunch. Please let the office know when your child is having this choice.

Tuck will also be available for Rowan and Oak pupils.

Parent Pay should be used to purchase meals and tuck.

**FSM applications-** Have your family circumstances changed? If so your child/children may be eligible for Free School Meals. Money provided to the school can also be used to provide additional support for a child's learning or financial help with learning opportunities/resources. It is always worth making an application. Please go to: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

If you need help or have any queries, please contact Mrs Rudd in the office who will be happy to help.

**School Uniform:** We do expect all pupils to wear the correct school uniform upon return. We understand that your child may have outgrown clothes and shoes. We do have some spare uniform in school, and we will help where we can. Plain trainers can be worn if you are not able to purchase school shoes at the moment.

**PE kit** - School PE Kit to be worn to school on PE days. Cherry - Friday, Willow and Oak- Monday & Wednesday; Rowan - Thursday & Friday

**Forest Schools** - Cherry on Mondays, Willow on Fridays

**Change of footwear-** A change of footwear is required to enable your child to go on the field at playtimes.

**Other items** - Only send your child with book bag, packed lunch, water bottle.

Reminder- water bottles should only contain water. No squash/ fruit drinks. Thank you.

**Attendance** The government has stated that from Monday 8th March it is expected that all pupils will return to school. Please do contact the school if you have any concerns or questions so that we can support all children's regular attendance at school.

# Returning on March 8 Prevention and Control

As all our children will be returning, the measures we have in place will be more important than ever. Please continue to support us with these, so that we can minimise risk and keep our community safe.

## Here are reminders of our key measures:

- Children and teaching staff will continue to be in their class Bubbles and these Bubbles will not mix. Break times are staggered and Bubbles have their own areas of the grounds for play. At lunchtimes, Bubbles will eat in separate areas inside and outside.
- Ventilation during the school day- windows and doors will be open- on chilly days, you may need to send your child with extra layers.
- Hand Hygiene - good hand hygiene before, during and after school
- Good respiratory hygiene- 'Catch it, kill it, bin it!' message
- Enhanced cleaning; staff cleaning throughout the day.
- Limiting visitors to site.

## Face Masks for pupils

There is no recommendation for Primary age pupils to wear face masks.

## Collection and Drop Off

- One person only, please do not bring your dog whilst we have measures in place.
- Maintain social distancing, please do not gather on or around the school site, collect your children and leave promptly
- Follow the arrow markings
- Face coverings to be worn by all adults. Duty staff will also be wearing masks.
- Drop Off time is 8.40- 8.50am
- Pick up time is Cherry 3pm; Willow and Rowan 3.05pm (collect from Willow first if you have children in both); Oak - 3.10pm
- If you need to convey a general message to the class teacher, contact the school office

## Symptoms/ cases

- No child or adult should attend the school site if they are displaying symptoms.
- Inform the school as soon as possible when you become aware that a member of your household has symptoms or has tested positive.
- If your child displays symptoms at school, we will contact you to collect them straight away. He/ she will be seated in an area away from the class until he/ she is collected.
- If your child is absent due to Bubble closure or household isolating, we will offer home learning provision. Please see our [Flow Chart](#) on the website for details about what to expect if your child is absent from school.

This is a summary of comprehensive measures in our Risk Assessment. These will be kept under review and revised as national guidance is updated.

## Testing

On 28 February, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that from Monday 1 March, households with primary, secondary and college age children, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. We are expecting more information on this, and will provide further details when we have them.