



# School Newsletter

17th December 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of another very busy but successful half term. The pupils and staff have had a busy schedule of festive activities and we hope the pupils have enjoyed it as much as we have. We have been lucky to fulfil our What's On for Christmas with the only cancellation being the visiting Panto which unfortunately couldn't visit due to Covid reasons. Other than that everything has gone ahead as planned and we are very grateful for all your support at this time of year.

Unfortunately we find ourselves in the position where covid numbers are yet again rising, please find attached an important letter from Lancashire County Council Director of Public Health, please take time to read this letter.

The Late Collection of Pupils Policy has been approved by governors and is now available for you to read on our website. Please take the time to read and digest this as this comes into effect next term, starting January 4th and charges may apply. Unfortunately, like many schools it has become necessary to implement this policy.

Next half the only enrichment club running after school is the football team training session. This will take place on Tuesdays at 3.30-4.30pm and will start Tuesday 4th January 2022.

School re-opens on Tuesday 4th January 2022, gates will be open at 8.45am.

Wishing you a wonderful festive period and peaceful new year.

Best wishes, Elizabeth Maskell, Headteacher

## PTFA 50 Club

### December Jackpot Draw

The draw has been completed  
and the lucky winners are:

£100.00	Katie Skellern
£25.00	Kate Shipston
£10.00	Mandy Galling
£5.00	Laura Murray

**Congratulations to you all.**

Primary Admission closing date  
is 15th January 2022.

Please remember to apply for  
your child's Reception place  
online at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)  
by 15th January 2022.



The holiday list for 2022-2023 is now  
on the website and we have  
attached a copy to this  
newsletter.

**Payments** We do not have time to keep chasing outstanding debt for  
school dinners, trips, activities & breakfast club.

**Payments MUST be made in advance for services used on a weekly basis.**





14 December 2021

Dear parents and guardians,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all for your continued support during what has been yet another challenging term.

Before you enjoy some much-needed quality time with your loved ones over the Christmas period, there are some important information I would like to share with you.

As you will be aware, England has moved to Plan B measures in response to the rapid spread of the new Omicron variant of Covid-19. On Sunday, the chief medical officers for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland recommended that the UK's coronavirus alert level was raised from three to four following an exponential rise in the number of Omicron cases, prompting the government to ramp up the delivery of the booster programme.

This new variant is continuing to spread rapidly across the country, with several cases confirmed in Lancashire and more expected to come.

In the run up to Christmas many schools in Lancashire have been working flat out to manage cases of Covid-19 whilst trying to keep as many children in school as possible for face-to-face education. One of our key priorities is to manage this new variant and minimise further disruption to face-to-face education, while managing the overall Covid-19 risk.

To achieve this, I am asking for your help in taking the following actions for keeping Lancashire safe:

### **Vaccinations**

Getting vaccination is one of the most important things we can do to minimise disruption to children's education and to protect them from becoming unwell with Covid-19. On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 the government accepted updated advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) following the emergence of the Omicron variant.

JCVI recommended that 12 to 17-year-olds should receive a second dose, which should take place no sooner than 12 weeks after the first dose. Children aged 12 to 17 can book their vaccination via the [National Booking Service](#) online or by calling 119.

For 12 to 15-year-olds who have not yet had a first dose, appointments have been made available and allocated specifically to this age group over the school holidays. These can be booked by the [National Booking Service](#) for anyone over 12 who has not yet had a first dose. They should come along with their legal parent or guardian.

For your young people aged 16 to 17 years and 8 months old, there are several sites across Lancashire where they can get their Covid-19 vaccine.

[A consent form is available on GOV.UK](#)

Visit [www.healthierlsc.co.uk/getmyjab](http://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/getmyjab) for more info about where your child can get their vaccination.

## Testing

One of the most important things we can do to manage the virus through routine testing over the festive period, and before the return to school in the New Year, using free, rapid lateral flow tests. If you are planning to meet friends and family who do not live in your household, either in an indoor or outdoor setting, then please take a lateral flow test before you do so.

Before your child returns to school, it is important that they take a lateral flow test. If test result is positive, then isolate immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test. Only leave home to take the test. You must also inform your child's school.

If your child has **one or more** of the following Covid-19 symptoms they must isolate and book a PCR test immediately:

1. a high temperature
2. a new, continuous cough
3. loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If your child's PCR test result is positive, they must isolate from the day their symptoms began and for the next 10 days. If your child has other symptoms and are in doubt, take a PCR test and keep them home like you normally would if they were unwell.

## Close contacts

From Tuesday 14 December, people who are fully vaccinated and identified as a contact of someone with Covid-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a rapid lateral flow test every day for 7 days to help slow the spread of Covid-19.

[Read the government's guidance for contacts of people with confirmed Covid-19 infection here.](#)

## Additional measures

We are continuing to support our schools in maintaining good ventilation, infection prevention and control measures. We will continue to follow the government's guidance, as set out in its '[Contingency framework: education and childcare settings](#)'. This may mean that decisions are taken by the school in collaboration with Lancashire's public health team to put in place additional measures dependent on a settings' individual circumstances.

I would once again like to ask you to continue to support staff as they navigate this period.

January brings a new year, but it will also bring new challenges. By working together, I am sure we can overcome them. Have a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Yours sincerely



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## SABDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL School Holidays 2022/ 2023

<u>Autumn Term</u>	Starts	Thursday 1st September 2022
	Ends	Thursday 20th October 2022
	INSET	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
	Half term	Monday 24th October – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 (inclusive)
	INSET	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
	Starts	Tuesday 1st November 2022
	Ends	Friday 16th December 2022
<u>Spring Term</u>	INSET	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
	Starts	Wednesday 4th January 2023
	Ends	Friday 10th February 2023
	Half term	Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023 (inclusive)
	Starts	Monday 20th February 2023
	Ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
<u>Summer Term</u>	Starts	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
	<b>May B.H.</b>	<b>Monday 1st May 2023</b>
	Ends	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
	Half term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2nd June 2023 (inclusive)
	INSET	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
	Starts	Tuesday 6th June 2023
	Ends	Thursday 20th July 2023
	INSET	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

<u>Inset Days:</u>	Friday	21st October 2022
	Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
	Friday	21st July 2023

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