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Newsletter - Friday 14th January 2022

Continuing COVID Safety:

Please can parents/carers wear a face covering when they come into the school office. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please stay outside the green fence and wear a face covering.

A reminder that there is currently a high number of cases of Covid-19 within school and within the region. Please LFD test your child regularly to help reduce the spread of Covid 19 and to keep everyone safe. If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 please isolate and book them a PCR test immediately. Thank you

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19:

'From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.'

GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was Emerald. Well done to everyone in Team Emerald! Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

PE Kit:

Please ensure your child comes to school in their correct PE kit (red t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit and trainers) Thank you.

School Closure:

It's that time of year when the weather or heating problems can cause a sudden closure of the school so just to remind you that should this be the case, a message will be sent at 7.00a.m. This will give you a first guide as to whether the school is definitely closed or if we are working to get the school open.

The messages will come via text, Facebook, Twitter, email or on the website.

If you are aware that you do not receive texts/emails from us at the moment please update your details by sending an email to admin@whinfield.net - it is really important that we have up to date contacts for all parents/carers.



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Showbie:

Reminder that work on Showbie is for children who are isolating due to COVID. Please complete the work only if your child is well enough.

Year groups have included a reading folder on Showbie to encourage children to read more. This is in addition to their reading book and is accessible to all pupils.

Staff also put homework on Showbie - this will be in a folder called 'homework.' Children may need to learn spellings, do some maths etc. Paper copies of homework are also available if you would prefer.

