



BEEVER NEWSLETTER No.148

FIRST HALF TERM COMPLETED!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school over this half term- although we inevitably have had some issues with coronavirus over this time, your patience and understanding has greatly helped us through this period.

As we break up for a well-deserved half term holiday, I need to make you aware of the school systems open to let us know of any Covid cases that may arise over this holiday period.

In the first instance you should message the school on 07860 095209 (our normal school text messaging service). This number will be monitored on a daily basis.

If you are letting us know about a positive case, you should include:

- Details of the case including date of birth and postcode
- The case's onset date of their illness
- The date on which they were tested, and
- The date of their last attendance at school

On the reverse of this newsletter I have also tried to summarise the up to date guidance issued by the government.

SCHOOL READING BOOKS

Since the start of September, we have had a number of children returning damaged books to school. We have invested over £3000 in new reading books for the children to use- it's really important they have access to these at home, but it is equally important that these are looked after well and no damage occurs to them.

If a book is damaged at home, we will be asking for the cost of a replacement- these aren't cheap so please ensure that your children look after them accordingly.

Reading books will continue to be changed every Friday.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Traffic around the school at the beginning and the end of the school day is becoming a real issue. I am on the front gate most mornings and have noticed a significant number of parents who are parking as close to the school as possible and using the pavement to park on.

This is becoming very hazardous and means that families are often having to walk in the road because the footpath is blocked.

I have spoken to both the local police and the road safety team at Oldham Council about the continued issues we are having, who have agreed to monitor on a regular basis. Can I advise parents that there is often plenty of capacity in the car park in front of the shops, and by parking there, will reduce the potential dangers the current situation is presenting.

TERM DATES

School reopens on Monday 2nd November.

Dates for events in the second half term will be released after half term, but the holiday pattern for the year can be found on the school website.

PE LESSONS

In line with the current guidance, all PE lessons will now have to take place outside. Therefore, it is vital that children have the correct clothing for this- especially when it is cold or a little wet. All PE kits should be brought in on the day of the lesson and taken home on the same day.

PE LESSONS	
Year 1	Mon & Tues
Year 2	Thurs & Fri
Year 3	Weds
Year 4	Tues
Year 5	Weds & Thurs
Year 6	Tues

I appreciate that with new guidance being issued on a regular basis, sometimes it is difficult for parents to keep up with what they should or shouldn't be doing. Therefore, I have tried to summarise the main points to note moving forward.

As you may be aware, the Greater Manchester area has now been moved into 'TIER 3', which deems the Local Covid alert level to be VERY HIGH.

These are the rules introduced for TIER 3:

- you must not socialise with anybody you do not live with or have formed a support bubble with, in any indoor setting or in any private garden or at most outdoor hospitality venues and ticketed events
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in an outdoor public space such as a park or beach, the countryside, a public garden or a sports venue
- pubs and bars must close; they can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant, which means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal, and they may only serve alcohol as part of such a meal
- schools and universities remain open
- places of worship remain open, but household mixing is not permitted
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees; however, wedding receptions are not allowed
- exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors; these will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with or share a support bubble with; there are exceptions for supervised activities for under-18s, and disability sport
- you should try to avoid travelling outside the very high alert level area you are in or entering a very high alert level area, other than for things like work, education or youth services, to meet caring responsibilities or if you are travelling through as part of a longer journey
- you should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK if you are resident in a very high alert level area, or avoid staying overnight in a very high alert level area if you are resident elsewhere

You must:

- wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated
- You should continue to:
- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but aim to reduce the number of journeys you make

This is the baseline in very high alert level areas. The government will also seek to agree additional interventions in consultation with local authorities, in order to reduce the spread of the virus.

Self Isolation

A reminder that if someone has been in close contact with an affected person they should self-isolate for a period of 14 days since the last contact with the confirmed case. If your child is self isolating and is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities. A negative test does not mean that your child can return to school earlier than the period of self-isolation. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

Self isolation means that whoever needs to self isolate **must remain at home for the whole period** of up to 14 days.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19?

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> You should arrange for testing for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or 111.nhs.uk

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.