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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope you had a good Christmas and will have a quiet and happy new year.

Unfortunately, for personal reasons Miss. Junette, our KS2 English teacher will not be returning this year. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years at SIAL. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. From next week there will be a supply teacher to support our KS2 classes.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As you may know, there have been few changes in the government regulation in response to COVID-19.

People who are fully vaccinated and children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 are not required to self-isolate, but should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Since the 22nd December, the 10 days self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period and, if they receive two negative test results, end their self-isolation period on day 8. This also applies to children under 5.

From the 11th January, confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result will also be temporarily suspended. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

From the 7th January, fully vaccinated people travelling to England from abroad, will NOT need to take a covid-19 test before travelling and will NOT need to quarantine on their arrival. Also, from the 9th January, fully vaccinated people travelling to England can choose to take a lateral flow test instead of a PCR test after arriving.

Further information can be found here:

[Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#)

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#)

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

[Travel to England from another country during coronavirus](#)



ATTENDANCE and LATENESS - REMINDER

Regular attendance is critical to reach the effective and continuous learning of all children. While during the last few terms, in order for everyone to adjust to the disruption caused by the pandemic, we have kept a more flexible approach than usual, it is time for us to return to a rigorous monitoring of children's attendance and lateness.

For this reason, we would like to remind you of the school's procedure to monitor absences and lateness.

Attendance registers are taken at the start of the first session of each school day and once during the second session. Registers are taken and kept open as follows:

Morning sessions

- 8:30am-9:00am for KS1 and KS2
- 9:00am-9:30am for EYFS

Afternoon sessions

- 12:30-1:00pm for EYFS
- 1:00pm-1:30pm for KS1
- 1:30pm-2:00pm for KS2



A pupil who arrives late but before the register has closed will be marked as late, using the appropriate code. A pupil who arrives after the register has closed will be marked as absent.

If a child is going to be absent the parent/carer should telephone the school or send an email to secretary@sial.school first thing in the morning, so that the reason can be noted in the register. Failure to inform the school of the reason for absence will lead to such absences being recorded as unauthorised.

Other than for genuinely exceptional circumstances (i.e. family emergencies), we would particularly request that parents and carers do not remove their children at any point during term time, including the opening or concluding weeks of a term.

If you need to take your child out of school, you should submit a request by completing the school's 'leave of absence' form in advance:

- at least one day before for absences of up to ½ day
- at least two weeks before for longer absences.

Please note that in principle the school can only authorise absences requested under genuinely exceptional circumstances, but each case will be analysed individually.

The success of the applications will naturally depend upon:

- the reason for the absence
- the child's attendance rate to date
- the length of the intended absence.

Failure to submit such a request and to gain such authorisation will lead to such absences being recorded as unauthorised.



School Lunches

For the coming week we will be on **Week 4** of our school lunch menu. *Please note that any changes to this menu may be due to the specific needs of the kitchen. We try to keep alterations to a minimum, but there are circumstances which will result in changes being unavoidable. Thank you in advance for your understanding.*