



New Cangle Community Primary School

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Headteacher: Ms Jacqueline Brading

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Dear parents and carers,

Covid Cases

As you will be aware from the notices on Class Dojo, like many schools in the town, we have had a number of covid cases in school in the past 2 weeks. As there have been 5 positive tests this week in the same year group that may be linked, we are now implementing the following outbreak enhanced control measures, according to advice I have previously shared from Suffolk County Council:

- Suffolk's children and young people aged between 4 and 18 years (unless exempt - see below) are now advised to stay at home when a sibling they live with tests positive for COVID-19.
- All siblings who live in the same house as the positive case should get a PCR test from the third day following the initial positive PCR. If this comes back as negative and the siblings feel well, those siblings can return to their education setting.
- If any sibling develops symptoms, they should isolate immediately and take another PCR test.
- If any sibling tests positive, they should isolate immediately.

Children exempt from this advice are able to continue to attend New Cangle if they have tested positive for COVID-19 themselves via a PCR test within the past 90 days and have completed their isolation.

Any parents or carers who still want their child to continue to attend school have the right to send their child. In these situations, the child or young person should produce a negative PCR test and continue to undertake a daily Lateral Flow Test for four days and attend school only if negative.

Parents Evening – Face to Face Wednesday 20th October

If you are coming to school for the Face to Face Parents Evening on Wednesday, please enter via the front entrance. Meetings will take place in the classrooms and parents and staff are welcome to wear face masks. Books will not be able to be viewed at this parents evening so please do not come in advance of your appointment, unless you have to wait in between appointments for siblings.

Parking before and after school – disabled parking space

This is a polite reminder that parents/carers should not be using the school car park for pick up or drop off, without prior permission from the school. We also request that parents do not use the disabled parking space, even if they have a blue badge, without the permission of the school. The purpose of the parking space is to enable children with disabilities easy access to the school.



Data Collection Sheets

After half-term all parents will be receiving a copy of the key contact information we hold for your child. It is very important that parents review this and let us know about any changes to telephone numbers or emails.

Physical activity at break time and lunch time – outdoor shoes

We are determined to allow the children as much opportunity as possible to get physical activity at break and lunch times and would like the children to continue to use the school field and woods throughout the winter. At half term we are installing welly racks for every class outside so that children can change



into outdoor footwear if they want to play on the school field or go in the woods. Therefore, we are requesting that parents send in outdoor footwear for their children to use. This can be wellies, trainers, walking boots or football boots. As they will be kept outside, we do not recommend that any expensive items are kept at school. Children who do not have outdoor footwear will still be able to play but not on the field or in the woods. We are aware that mud on clothes can be a frustration for parents, especially with our keen footballers. When the field is very wet we will be stopping football but we are trying to allow the children as much access as possible to physical activity and we would rather see a bit of mud on clothes with happy active children.

Harvest Food Bank Collection

We are once again collecting for the Reach Foodbank and would be grateful if parents could send in any donations this week of:

- Small jars of coffee
- Teabags
- Long life juice
- Long life milk
- Biscuits
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat / fish
- Tinned sponge pudding
- Instant mash
- Custard
- Condiment Sauces
- Pickles



I will be available on Parents' Evening should you wish to discuss the content of this newsletter, or any other issues. Alternatively, please feel free to message me on Class Dojo.

Yours faithfully,

J. Brading

Headteacher