

# Newsletter 8

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*Challenge, Equality & Opportunity*

## News, Information and Reminders

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your generosity at the end of last term. It was lovely to receive so many cards and gifts. Your messages mean an awful lot to us and we are still enjoying many of the gifts which were sent into school. Thank you.

### COVID-19 Guidance and Update

On Tuesday, I sent you all an update to the guidance around testing and self-isolation. It won't surprise you to hear that some of this is already out of date! Regarding the reduced isolation times, if you use an LFD test on day 6 (the earliest which you should) and then 24 hrs later on day 7 and they are BOTH negative, your self-isolation stops after that test. So, if children have an LFD test with a negative result on the morning of day 6 and the morning of day 7 (they must be 24 hours apart), they can return to school after the test on day 7. The same would apply to day 7 and 8 or day 8 and 9. If you find yourself in this position and you are not sure, give us a ring and we will advise.

I have attached a document which the LA have published for schools this week. It is quite long but I think it is very clear (or at least as clear as it could be!).

There are some further changes around testing which begin next week. These are explained in the attached document. Please continue to inform school of all positive test results, even if you do not need a confirmation PCR, and please continue to get in touch with any questions or if you need any advice. Thank you.

### Mrs Whyte

Congratulations to Mrs Whyte on her new role with North East Ambulance Services. Today is her last day at school. We know she will be a real asset to any team! However, what a miss she will be at Broadway East! Mrs Whyte has been with us for 9 years and has been an outstanding TA. She is absolutely committed to the school and the children and worked with genuine care and love for everyone. We are all going to miss her terribly but wish her all of the luck in the world in her new role. We are currently recruiting for a TA to work in KS2 and we will keep you up to date.

### Reading Books

If you have any school reading books at home, please send these back to school ASAP. We have lots of our new phonic books missing, especially in Reception, and we need these for teaching in school as well as practising at home. Thank you.

## New Uniform

After much comparing of logos, colours and fabrics, as well as exploring different suppliers and costs, we are now in a position to share with you our new uniform plans for the new school. You have already seen the logo and we have now had it approved for embroidery with our supplier, Tots to Teams. As we have stated previously, the new uniform will be phased into use and there is no requirement for anyone to buy all of the new items. We have worked with Tots to Teams to make the badged items of uniform affordable but you can also buy un-badged plain items, as has always been the case. The new items will be available from Tots to Teams after February half term.

The Pupil Design Team have been involved in developing the new uniform and here are two of our Year 2 members modelling it for us (badges are currently pinned on but will be embroidered):



### General Uniform:

Mid grey sweatshirt or cardigan

White polo shirt

Dark grey pinafore, dress, trousers or shorts

Dark green gingham dress

### PE:

Dark green t shirt

Black shorts, leggings or joggers

Dark green hoodie for outdoor lessons

Dark green drawstring bag

### Coats:

Children can wear any coat to school but there will be two different dark green badged coats available from Tots to Teams.

### Bags:

We are recommending that all children use a back-pack/rucksack and these will be available in two sizes, badged and in dark green from Tots to Teams. Children can carry them easily if walking, scooting or cycling and they can put their water bottle upright in the exterior pocket. These will also be much more practical and easier to manage in school than the book bags. Children can use any small-medium sized rucksack if this is preferred to the school uniform option from Tots to Teams. School book bags will not be available to buy.

To make the uniform change affordable and practical for everyone, we have:

- Stayed with our current supplier, who:
  - ✓ Is easily accessible by car or Metro
  - ✓ Is competitive in price
  - ✓ Will supply uniform ordered online to school for parents and carers to pick up (no postage fee)
- Ensured that the general uniform items (eg sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE shirts) are available without the logo/badge from retailers such as supermarkets and department stores
- Allowed for a phased introduction of the uniform so that parents and carers can use up old uniform before buying new items
- Recently made old/spare/donated uniform available free of charge from school – there is a small amount of uniform still available which we will make available again next week (weather permitting).

Tots to Teams have been very helpful over the past few months and we think that they will continue to give us great service. Please let us know if you have any questions or you encounter any difficulties in purchasing items. Thank you.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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