

**Blakesley CE Primary School**  
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**NN12 8RD**  
**28th Jan 2022**  
**T3 W4**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, regarding COVID, stated that all Plan B measures would be removed, please note that in school we are continuing to take a cautious approach implementing such a relaxing of the rules. This is because our actual 'covid' case numbers compared to local schools, are extremely low and we will endeavour to do our utmost to keep them so.

Within school, the following control measures will continue:

- Maintaining regular hygiene routines
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Daily, regular cleaning routines
- Continuing LFT testing twice weekly for all staff
- Any visitor/parent entering school building during the hours of 9am-3pm must not have any COVID symptoms and should have taken a LFT test

Planned changes that will commence next week:

- Whole school assemblies/collective worship with pupils and staff.
- Face coverings no longer need to be worn by staff or visitors in communal areas.
- Mixing of children across all year groups will be introduced gradually - eg. just break times to begin with

As positive Covid cases are still being recorded within our school community please continue to be cautious, follow hygiene recommendations and be vigilant for symptoms. If somebody has a positive LFD test result, there is no need to have a PCR test, but all results should be reported. Refer to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for further clarification. When and where possible, we will continue to notify parents/carers of positive readings that may affect their children. Any future changes will also continue to be shared.



## **RSPB**

Shockingly, around 38 million birds have been lost from UK skies in the last 50 years, so it is becoming apparent that we need to do all we can to look after our birdlife. The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! If possible, please spend one hour counting the birds that appear in your garden. This will help monitor how birds are faring. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts! Please send your results to the following website:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

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If anyone knows some successful tips for encouraging long-tailed tits into the garden, please let me know.



### **Reading Barns**

Any suggestions, possible designs or offers of help with our latest idea to construct a number of reading barns within our school grounds, would be gratefully received. We are noticing that a growing number of children would like to read when outside. Not only would reading barns provide a designated place for sitting and reading but would also provide some shade from the sun in the warmer months that lay ahead. Please contact Mrs Cox or myself with your ideas.

### **MP Visit**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February we will be welcoming Dame Andrea Leadsom, MP for South Northamptonshire to our school. She has been hearing about our nurture provision and how both pre-school and after school care is provided. I am also sure she will be interested to see first-hand our wonderful school in operation, then be informed of all the different ways we try to reach out and support all families within our school community.

### **Future Dates**

- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Dame Andrea Leadsom
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Wear a scarf day ( Mental health support)
- Parents' Evenings 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 Timings to be confirmed.

Should you have any questions, issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Laurie Hill

Headteacher

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