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Newsletter

week beginning September 5th

Dear families,

It has been an absolute pleasure to meet some of you this week. I am so thrilled to be joining the team at your schools and thank you for the kind welcome you have already shown me.

I will be at Stibbard all this week and North Elmham all next week. Carol Jeary will be at the opposite school to me ensuring there is always a senior member of staff on site. I will always be on the gate in the morning so please come and say hello!

I would like to invite you in for an informal coffee and chat on Friday 16th at North Elmham (9-9.45) and Thursday 22nd (8.45 – 9.30) to meet with me, the senior team and governors. At North Elmham this will also be the opening for our new mezzanine level which will become a beautiful reading snug.

Staffing – We welcome several new members of staff to our schools this year.

At North Elmham, Charlotte Baker, Nicola Bamford and Katie Mayes join the team.

Megan Ward, Dale Watson and Rachael Lockwood join the team at Stibbard.

Gail Nelson returns to work at both schools. Welcome all!

We also welcome Merrie Dadd as parent governor. Please see the governor page on our federation website for further governor details.

DIARY DATES

Term dates - Autumn term

Tuesday 6th September – Friday
16th December.

(Half term 24-28th October)

Parent Teacher Meetings –
week beginning 7th November

School photos – 21st September
Stibbard. 21st October N
Elmham. School uniform please.

Immunisations – 6th October N
Elmham. 15th 17th November -
Stibbard

Height and Weight check (Y6) –
12th October Stibbard. Tbc – N
Elmham

Christmas Week (wb 12th
December) including
productions and Christmas
lunch and jumper day 15th
December

Open afternoons

Nursery – 5th October

Reception – 23rd and 24th
November (for 23-24 intake)



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Phones – Could I also remind you that mobile phones are NOT allowed out anywhere on the school site.

Healthy School – please can we have only water in water bottles and a healthy snack (fruit/veg) for break time. Reception, Y1 and Y2 are given a piece of fruit or vegetable for snack every morning break. Y3 – 6 need to bring their own.

Information – please ensure you advise of any changes to your contact details, emergency contacts and allergies. We will send out sheets detailing the information we hold in the next few days for you to check all information is correct.

DoJo – You will all receive an email with an invitation to sign up to Class DoJo. This is a free app which notifies you when your child receives a 'DoJo' point (house point).

At this point in time, we are not using the communication feature so please do not email your child's teacher on DoJo, make contact via the school office instead.

Attendance and Punctuality – Please find attached the Norfolk letter on attendance. Good attendance and punctuality are imperative for your child to succeed in school. Please ensure your child is at school unless they are very unwell or have a contagious illness.

Punctuality – it is very important your child is in school on time every day so they do not miss vital learning. At Stibbard, gates open at 8.30 and close at 8.45. At North Elmham, gates open at 8.45 and close at 9. If your child arrives after this time, please come and sign in at the front office. They will be marked as late which will impact on their attendance.

COVID 19 - Government guidance for C-19 states adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Please find full guidance as an attachment to this newsletter.

Victoria McConnell

COVID-19 advice from the government.

Self-isolation

From 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Staff, children and young people who are contacts should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) published [updated guidance](#) on 24 February.

Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?

If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.

If they test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice.

Why have you made these changes?

At present, the Omicron variant of COVID-19 is the dominant strain. Following the latest public health advice, we know that Omicron presents low risk to most children, young people and fully vaccinated adults.

Most people will only experience mild or asymptomatic illness (meaning they show no symptoms at all), which combined with our successful vaccination programme and its high rate of take-up, allows us to bring the education testing regime in line with wider society and bring greater normality back into the school day.

Throughout the pandemic, we have adapted the measures in place in schools to strike the balance between protecting education and reducing transmission.

It remains our absolute priority to do everything we can to protect students in face-to-face education.

The measures we recommend in education settings, such as encouraging vaccine take up, hygiene or ventilation measures, are always based on the latest scientific advice.

How can you continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19 across education settings?

Good ventilation, hygiene and encouraging vaccination uptake, as well as following any additional advice from local directors of public health, are the best measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in education settings.

Ventilation

We have provided over 360,000 carbon dioxide (CO₂) monitors to all state-funded education settings, including early years, schools, and further education providers, backed by £25 million. The new monitors enable staff to identify areas where ventilation needs to be improved and provide reassurance that existing ventilation measures are working, helping balance the need for good ventilation with keeping classrooms warm.

Many classrooms and communal areas in schools are already well-ventilated, and we have also made up to 9,000 high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) cleaning units available for the small number of settings where poor ventilation cannot be quickly rectified.

Vaccination

Vaccines remain our best weapon against this virus. By getting vaccinated, children and young people can increase their protection against COVID-19.

Being vaccinated minimises the need for children and young people to have time-off school and college and helps them to continue to carry out their hobbies, attend social events and live their lives to the full. It therefore supports their emotional wellbeing and happiness.

While most children infected usually have mild symptoms from COVID-19 some may go on to develop more serious symptoms. Doctors are still learning about these long-term effects but we know that vaccination helps to protect against these risks.

More information the latest COVID-19 advice is available on: [COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19).



North Elmham CEVA Primary School
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Dear Parent/Carers

Date: 06.09.22

Attendance at school and legal intervention

Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly.

Research commissioned by the Department for Education shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. At [INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL] our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

This letter is to remind all parents about the law that requires them to ensure that their child attends school regularly. The Government is very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment.

The DfE policy document entitled, '[Working together to improve school attendance](#)' states:

- Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence. Schools should consider each application individually taking into account the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request.
- If a leave of absence is granted, it is for the headteacher to determine the length of the time the pupil can be away from school.
- As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.

If the school does not receive a request for leave, the head teacher will be unable to consider your individual circumstances and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. There will be no obligation on the head teacher to reconsider authorising the leave if an application has not been made in advance.

The Local Authority operates a system where any pupil will meet the criteria for legal intervention if they have **at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) lost to unauthorised absence by the pupil during 6 school weeks.**

The intervention could be in the form of a fixed penalty notice. Any pupil at Flourish Federation who meets the criteria, will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered.

If a fixed penalty notice is issued, the arrangement for the payment will be detailed on the notice. The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. A parent may receive more than one separate penalty notice resulting from unauthorised absence. When penalty notices are issued each parent

will receive one per child. Therefore, each parent could receive multiple notices if they have more than 1 child who has been absent. You should be aware that failure to pay the total amount within the timescale will result in legal action being taken. In some circumstances, the Norfolk County Council Attendance Team may choose not to issue a further penalty notice in the same academic year and may instead choose to prosecute a parent under the Education Act 1996 S444. There is no right of appeal by parents against a fixed penalty notice.

I hope we can count on your support in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Victoria McConnell

Headteacher