



**Tavistock Primary &  
Nursery School**

Tavistock Primary &  
Nursery School  
Plymouth Road  
Tavistock  
Devon  
PL19 8BX

25 January 2021

New Parent

Email: [admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk)  
Phone: 01822616044  
Website:  
<http://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk/website>

New Pupil (Year R, 2)

## **Headteacher's Weekly Email 25.01.2021**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Good Morning Everyone

Like you, we are awaiting the news of a plan for wider opening of schools but it is very apparent from the media reports that there is no clear decision as yet. Whilst this is frustrating, it is also in everyone's interest to continue to reduce numbers of children (and therefore, contact) in schools for some time.

### **Year 4 BUBBLE REOPENING**

We were pleased to welcome back the children and Y4 team this morning.

### **Year 1 BUBBLE REOPENING**

Children can return to school tomorrow.

### **NURSERY**

The disruption last week was not due to Covid cases but due to absence of Nursery staff. We have fully reopened today and children can attend for their usual sessions.

### **COVID cases**

Since 14<sup>th</sup> January we have had 2 adults and 1 child notified as positive within our school community. This weekend a further 2 adults have tested positive whilst in isolation. Our ongoing procedures to limit further transmission within the school were reviewed and recognised as effective by Public Health Devon. However, we are not complacent and continue to review and revise our measures.

### **LATERAL FLOW TESTS**

From today all members of our staff have been offered lateral flow tests to complete at home twice a week. This is optional and voluntary. The purpose of these tests is to quickly identify any asymptomatic cases so we can then take swift action to self isolate groups and reduce transmission in our community. The results are reported to both school and NHS.

## **SELF ISOLATION**

Please note the legal requirement for self isolation is for 10 days from the point of last contact with a Covid positive person. A 'negative' test is not a substitute for this period and you should only get a Covid test if you start to display symptoms.

## **How to self-isolate**

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

### **Don't**

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

## **REMOTE LEARNING STRATEGY**

Last week 310/336 (92%) of YR – Y6 children had completed their work either at home or on site. If you have any issues with lack of devices, data limitations, technical 'knowhow', internet access, Tapestry – then please get in touch. We have DfE laptops and free data from Vodafone available to give out.

We are delighted with the general response to home learning – all we ever ask of our children is to “do your best”.

Parents – if you need any support with any aspect then please phone us.

## **SCHOOL LOTTERY**

In just the first 3 weeks this lottery has raised £32.40 for our school. On Saturday our third draw took place and another lucky winner received £20!

If we increase sales, then the prizes will also increase so please follow this link to sign up and buy tickets for just £1:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/tavistock-primary-and-nursery-school>

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Vouchers from Edenred should be received weekly by eligible families. We have also

submitted details to Devon Local Authority of families who should receive vouchers during the February half term and Easter holidays.

Best wishes,

Lynnette Selbie

