

January 14th 2022

NEWSLETTER



STARBECK
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you have all had a good start to 2022 and wish you all the very best for the coming year. As always, our children have impressed us with the seamless way in which they have re-integrated to school following the Christmas and New Year break. We have lots more to achieve this school year and are hoping for a calming of the storm, in terms of the pandemic, to enable us to have a more 'normal' spring and summer term.

LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE REGARDING COVID

As you will be fully aware, the situation around testing and isolation keeps changing. The main change since breaking up for the holiday was the opportunity to reduce the isolation period to 7 days. As this currently stands, anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 must isolate for 10 days. The isolation period is counted from the day **after** the positive test result or when symptoms began. This can only be reduced to 7 days if a negative Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test is taken and registered on day 6 and day 7. There must be a 24 hour gap between testing. If you test positive on day 6, then the 2 day negative test window moves to day 7 and 8. If you reach day 10 and still register a positive test, you do not need to continue to take LFD tests – as long as you are well, you can return to school/work. The key window for being infectious has passed.

DfE are currently recommending that LFD tests are not taken for 1 week after completing an isolation period.

You will have heard that the government has announced that the isolation period will change again on Monday. From Monday the isolation period can be reduced to 5 days however a negative test must be registered on day 5 and day 6 and your child must not have a temperature. For the most up to date advice, please use the Gov.uk 'Stay at Home' guidance using this link or by visiting the gov.uk website.

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

This advice will be updated on Monday to reflect any further changes. If you have any questions, please contact our school office.

You will also have seen that if your child tests positive on a LFD test, you no longer need to confirm this with a PCR test. The main reason for pursuing a PCR test would be if your child has Covid symptoms and you have not already tested using a LFD test – you should therefore isolate immediately and order a PCR test via the NHS website.

PAN CONSULTATION

We recently sent out details regarding a period of consultation in relation to the proposed change of our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) to 30 – reflecting our structure of a one form entry school. The consultation period is now complete and any responses that we received were supporting this change. This change was in relation to the 2023 entry year. Due to the popularity of the school and concern over over-sizing of our classes, we are now in discussions with the Department for Education to request an exceptional variation to our PAN for Reception entry 2022. Further information in relation to this can be found on our website and this does not affect any current classes, only future admissions to the Reception year.

[Starbeck Community Primary and Nursery School | Northern Star Academies Trust - Admissions \(starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk\)](https://starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk/admissions)

HARROGATE TOWN AFC

You may remember that we periodically work with Harrogate Town AFC and they have supported our school with various after school clubs or invites to events at their grounds. They have asked me to share details of two key opportunities for the coming term:

Below are two programmes Harrogate Town AFC Community Foundation are delivering this coming term:



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Wildcats

Weetabix Wildcats is non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. Most importantly, Weetabix Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends. Our Wildcats session run at St John Fishers Catholic High School at 5:30-6:30pm and the age ranges from 5-11 years old.

To sign up click the link below to find our Wildcats centre:

<https://find.Englandfootball.com/>

Futsal

Futsal is a fast indoor sport which is very fun and exciting to play. On average futsal players touch the ball 3 times more than playing football. We have two age groups, u9's and u11's. Both sessions are delivered at Harrogate High School every Monday, u9's 5-6pm, u11's 6-7pm.

To find more information please contact: tomb Blackburn@harrogatetownafc.com

To sign up: <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/harrogatetownafc/harrogate-town-afc-courses.html>

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January	School re-opens
Friday 18th February	School closes for half term
Monday 28th February	School re-opens
Friday 8th April	School closes for Easter

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April	School re-opens
Monday 2nd May	Closed for May Day
Friday 27th May	School closes for half term
Monday 6th June	School re-opens
Friday 22nd July	School closes for summer holidays

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher