



# NEWSLETTER

**SPRING TERM 2021**

**WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME ALL CHILDREN BACK ON MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2021**

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Almost a year ago now, we fell into the grip of this deadly and wicked virus. Many of our family and friends have been impacted by its spread throughout the world. It is with some understandable apprehension and anxiety we begin what is hoped to be the final re-occupation from a lockdown situation in our lifetimes, but it is of course with great excitement that we begin our recovery, with the reassuring knowledge that despite this terrible virus transmitting prolifically across the world, we have been able to ensure, through our diligent and compressive control measures that, to our best knowledge, the virus has not transmitted in school. It is because of this, coupled with the care and diligent work of my staff, that you should be able to alleviate some of the anxiety you may be having about the weeks ahead.

Wishing you all continued safety in the coming weeks,  
Mr G Chiswell

## LATERAL FLOW TESTING

As one of our schools safety measures we will be administering Lateral Flow Tests to all Staff & pupils.

Consent forms have been issued via the  
"Teacher 2 Parent app"  
Please check your app & emails

## CHROMEBOOKS & IPADS

Please can all children who have borrowed school IT kit e.g. chromebooks or iPads return them on Monday 8th March. Children should come into school through the usual entrance and take the kit to their classroom, where staff will arrange collection.

## CLASS DOJO



The Dojo app is the best way of keeping in touch with what is going on in your child's class and year group. If you have not signed up to the Dojo app, please speak to your child's class teacher for login details.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY 8TH MARCH

Thank you so much for following our one-way system and keeping to one adult when dropping off & picking up children. This has helped to reduce the number of adults on site at any one time, protecting all of us. It will be even more important when we have more children coming into school.

***Following government guidelines, we ask you wear a face covering at all times when on the school site, particularly at dropping off and picking up times.***

Please help us keep everyone safe by following the latest government guidance to help stop the virus spreading.

# HPV IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 8,9 & 10 PUPILS

26th April 2021 & 15th July 2021



**PLEASE CHECK YOUR  
TEACHER 2 PARENT APP &  
EMAILS FOR THE CONSENT  
FORMS, WHICH MUST BE  
RETURNED TO THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE.**

To continue with the school-based immunisation programme the Immunisation Team will be attending schools after the Spring Break 2021. In April and May 2021 we will be administering the HPV (Human Papillomavirus Vaccine).

**Year 8-** will receive dose 1

**Year 9 and Year 10-** will receive either dose 1 or 2 (please note this will not be whole year groups as many Year 9 and Year 10 have attended our community clinics) – list will be sent to school of which students need to attend session .

In June and July 2021 we will be completing the Year 9 Vaccinations for DTP and MEN ACWY (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio and Meningitis ACWY).

We held community clinics during the last national lockdown Jan-March 2021 so this will be for the students who didn't attend our community clinics, once again we will let school know prior to the session which students will need to be seen. To reduce disruption to the school week and reduce visits we will attend school for a full day session. 9-3pm

Our Immunisation Team continue to work following NHS guidance for PPE and all infection prevention and control measures. Including the use of COVID 19 Lateral Flow testing. The Immunisation team will visit your school on **26TH APRIL 2021 AND 15TH JULY 2021** Due to restrictive time scales it would be very difficult to change these dates. As always, your support to the immunisation programme is much appreciated, especially during this difficult and challenging time. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0151 514 2510 or email [wcnt.schoolhealthimms.nhs.net](mailto:wcnt.schoolhealthimms.nhs.net)



Infection rates in school This term we have had to close 4 pods so the children and staff could isolate. We have had 13 adults and 2 children test positive. All cases were community based infections. Whilst we don't want anyone to get the virus it does indicate that the virus is not spreading in school and that the measures we have in place are protecting us all





## MEDICATION

If your child/ward takes medication during the day please ensure "Medication Administration Consent Form" has been completed and tablets have been returned to the school office.

If you require a consent form for completion please contact Mrs Williamson  
0151 652 7093

If your child/ward requires an inhaler please supply one to the school. This information will help us to manage and support your child's asthma while in school.



## TRANSPORT

We are pleased to welcome all children back on Monday 8th March 2021.

Pupils who are on school transport will be contacted directly to advise of times of Morning Pick up & Evening Drop Off.

Due to the restrictions still in place the buses will be doing double runs until further notice,



### Your Contact Details

It is really important that your contact details are up to date, in case school needs to contact you in an emergency. If you have changed your email address or phone number recently, particularly during Lockdown please advise the school office.

Email :-

Schooloffice@theobservatoryschool.wirral.sch.uk

TEL:- 0151 652 7093

or text via "Teacher 2 Parent" App



Pupils will be scanned when they arrive on site and are encouraged to hand phones in to staff, who will store them safely. Mobile phones are not allowed within the classroom settings.