

14TH JANUARY 2022

## AIMING FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL AT BECK



It has been a challenging week at Beck and this has once again been down to COVID. We have had an extremely high number of cases and this has unfortunately led to high numbers of staff absence. To date this has affected Year 1 and Foundation Stage 2 in the main. We have however managed to redeploy staff and use supply teachers to ensure that all children can remain in school for face-to-face education. In fact, we also managed for the Year 1s to go out on trips to the Moorland Discovery Centre at Longshaw this week!

In classes where we are aware of a number of cases, we are contacting parents to advise that children have daily LFD (Lateral Flow) tests and only attend if these are negative. I know it has been difficult to get hold of tests so I would advise all parents to try over the weekend to get a supply in. [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

We have started to put plans in place in case so many staff are absent that it is unsafe to have groups of children in school. In these circumstances, children of keyworker parents, or those who are vulnerable would be prioritised for face-to-face teaching and other groups of children would work from home and possibly in school on a rota basis. We will do all we can however to avoid this.

We really are aiming for business as usual at Beck. We want as much as possible to make sure that children continue to get the high quality face-to-face teaching as well as all the usual activities they are used to.

You can help by following the guidelines on the following page. These have been updated to reflect the recent changes to isolation periods. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.



Mrs J Coats, Head of School



# BECK NEWS

## UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDANCE

**What do I do if my child has symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, temperature, loss of taste and smell)?**

**Do not send your child to school.** Book your child in for a PCR tests a test site or book a home test. [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

**What do I do if my child has been in contact with someone who is COVID positive?**

If your child is a contact of a positive case you must LFT (Lateral Flow Test) every morning for 7 days before you send your child into school. They can only come to school if the LFT is negative. [Information about where you can get LFD tests.](#)

**What do I do if my child tests positive for COVID on a PCR or LFD test?**

Your child must isolate for up to 10 days. You must LFT test your child on day 5 and day 6. If both these tests are negative, your child can return to school on day 6. If the test on day 6 is positive, your child can come back to school on day 11.

There is no longer any need to get a PCR test if you test positive on an LFD test.

**What do I do if I am positive but my child isn't?**

So long as your child tests negative on an LFD test and has no symptoms, they can attend school. We would ask that you make arrangements with a friend/ family member to bring your child to school and collect them.

**What else are school doing to keep school safe?**

We are only inviting parents/visitors into school by appointment. If you need to come into school for a meeting please ring the school office. We are all wearing face masks and we will ask you to wear a mask if you are coming into school. We are not mixing large groups of children from different year groups indoors. We are working with Sheffield City Council and Public Health England to do everything possible to keep your children and our staff safe.

## SPRING TERM LEARNING UPDATE

We're really excited about the new topics that children have started learning this term. Check out the Pupil Blog pages for more information and to see what we've been learning.



This term Year 6 are considering **'How did it all start?'** as they study the history and science of evolution. We look forward to the Museum of Evolution they will create later this term! Find out more on the Year 6 Blog: <https://beckprimary.co.uk/index.php/pupil-yeargroup-pages/year-6-blog>

Year 5 will be considering 'What is my place in the universe?' this term. They will be learning about the Earth, sun, moon and space. Find out more on the Year 5 blog:

<https://beckprimary.co.uk/index.php/blog-menu/our-learning-this-term>



In Year 4 this term children will be learning about how sounds travel and how to project their voices as they produce a play inspired by Ancient Greek theatre. Find out more on the Year 4 blog:

<https://beckprimary.co.uk/index.php/pupil-yeargroup-pages/year-4-blog>

In Year 3 this term children will be considering 'Does what you eat really matter?' They will be using that they learn to design and make healthy pizzas - yum! 🍷 Find out more on the Year 3 blog: <https://beckprimary.co.uk/index.php/pupil-yeargroup-pages/year-3-blog>



In Year 2 this term children will be learning about 'What makes a perfect home?' They will learn about animals and plant life cycles and their habitats. Find out more on the Year 2 blog: <https://beckprimary.co.uk/index.php/pupil-yeargroup-pages/year-2-blog>

This term in Year 1 children will be learning 'What does it mean to be alive?' They will study living things and human senses. Find out more on the Year 1 blog: <https://www.beckprimary.co.uk/index.php/blog-menu/y1-our-learning-this-term>



## KEY DATES THIS TERM

<b>Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Beck's Best Bites: Cookery Week	Our Science Week this year will focus on Cookery. Children will have the chance to design a dish for the school menu.
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day	Dress as a book character to celebrate World Book Day
<b>W/C 7<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	Y2 visits to Moorlands Discovery Centre	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day	Red noses will be available to buy in school.  Further information to follow.
<b>Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Parents evenings/ phone calls	Appointments will be arranged this week.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>/ Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March AM</b>	Y4 Play Performance	A chance for parents to see the Year 4 play.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	6JW/6DP trip to Weston Park	Children will leave and return within school time.
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6EC trip to Weston Park	Children will leave and return within school time.
<b>W/C 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	Y2 Sculpture Exhibition Outcome	A chance for parents to see the Year 2 sculptures
<b>Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Week	Easter egg competition and other Easter activities.
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Y6 museum outcome	