



GIGGLESWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools – fostering a love for learning through collaboration.*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and happy new year! I do hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. A warm thank you from all our staff for the kind cards and gifts you sent to school; they were greatly appreciated.

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back today and to hear their news from the Christmas break. We have a few pieces of information to share with you, detailed below.

Covid-19

The latest guidance, as contained in our risk assessment, highlights the following important changes that are relevant to our families:

- Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18.5 years identified as a **contact** of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to regularly test, unless they have been identified as a contact for someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 and therefore advised to take lateral flow tests every day for 7 days
- Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine)
- If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and told to follow public health advice [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Individuals with COVID-19 may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation
- All visitors to school are asked to take an LFD test prior to arrival and to follow our risk assessments by wearing a face covering and washing hands/sanitising

***The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools** comprises:
Giggleswick and Hellifield Community and Long Preston Endowed (VA) Primary Schools.

Learning this term

Our federation topic this term is 'Farm to Fork.' The children in each class are looking forward to finding out about different aspects of this theme, including where our food comes from, how plants grow, the human and physical geography in our locality and a historical study of the Stone Age. We are also continuing with our Global Learning and our relationship with three schools in Delhi, India, continues to thrive. Individual class teachers will share their topic overview with you in due course. We continue to teach White Rose Maths and English daily and our phonics and early reading is based on Little Wandle letters and sounds. The following links offer good resources for parents:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>
[Parent resources | White Rose Maths](#)

Should you have any questions about your child's progress or learning, please make an appointment to see your class teacher at a mutually convenient time.

I continue to divide my time across our three schools and a copy of this half term's whereabouts is attached for your information. If you need to speak to me at any point, please contact the school where I am based or email admin and your message will be passed on.

Thank you for your continued support of our village schools. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely



Miss T Ward
Executive Head Teacher