



FEDERATION NEWS



DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents

Another term comes to a close and as the year comes to an end we want to thank you for all your support in what has been unprecedented times for everybody.

At the moment we are not sure what the new year will bring and how things might look for schools, but we promise to continue to do our very best for all the children and families at both Peter Pan and Cherry Trees.

We look forward to welcoming new children and families in January and making them part of our federation family.

There will be some staffing changes in the new year and these are detailed in this newsletter.

It just remains to wish you all a very safe, healthy and happy Christmas. Enjoy your time with your families and we will see you on 7th January 2021.

Merry Christmas!



Julie



Lesley

Staffing news.

We say goodbye and good luck to Lesley as she leaves us to start her new job in January.

Julie Smith will be the Executive Head Teacher across the Federation. Julie is the current Head of School at Peter Pan and has been with the federation for 9 years.

Suzie Hoefkens becomes our Acting Deputy Head Teacher across the federation. Suzie is currently the Assistant Head Teacher responsible for Inclusion and SEND and has been with us for 14 years.

Both will spend time in each school during the week, so you will see them on a regular basis.

Cherry Trees green group teachers will now be Victoria and Tracy. Tracy is currently the Children's Centre teacher and will be sharing her time with the centres and Cherry Trees.

COVID reporting

If you become symptomatic over the Christmas holidays please ensure that you arrange to have a test. If you receive a positive result please phone the school and leave us a message on the answering machine, please ensure you state your name and your child's name.

If public health contact us to let us know that we have been identified as having a case we will contact you if appropriate.

If we all follow the government rules on household mixing this Christmas we can beat this virus together.

There is a flowchart on the back of this letter there is the latest flowchart from the Local Authority.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term:	2nd November to 18th December 2020
Spring Term 1:	7th January 2021 to 12th February 2021
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	15th February to 19th February
Spring Term 2:	22nd February to 26th March 2021
EASTER HOLIDAYS:	29th March to 14th April 2021
Summer Term 1:	15th April to 28th May 2021
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	31st May to 4th June 2021
Summer Term 2:	7th June to 22nd July 2021

Coronavirus information for Parents/Carers (From Fri 11thth Dec 2020)

For general advice about COVID-19 and the symptoms to look for go to: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Child, or someone in your household, develops symptoms of COVID-19: new continuous cough (coughing frequently for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child is at home, do not send them to their education setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting.

If your child develops symptoms at their education setting, they will be separated from others and sent home.

If your child, or anyone in your household, has symptoms they must isolate at home for **10 days** (from date of onset of symptoms). The rest of the household should isolate for **10 days**.
If your child does not have symptoms but someone in the household does, your child and all other household members without symptoms must isolate at home for **10 days**.

Book a test as soon as possible for anyone in your household with symptoms. This can be done online at: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.
Please do not let anyone from your household go into a setting or work until the test result is known.
Alternatively a test can be ordered by phone on NHS 119 for those without the internet.

Your closest test location will be offered when you book, and both drive-in and walk-in tests are available in Bedford. You may need to visit the website regularly for more slots to be released. If you are not able to walk or drive to the test centre, and no-one you live with can take you, you can request a home test kit.
Do not take a taxi or use public transport.

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message).
It is important you inform the setting of the result as soon as possible.

Negative

Child can return to setting once well. The rest of the household can stop isolating.

Positive

Inform setting of positive test result as soon as possible.

If your child is identified as having been in close contact with a confirmed case, they will be asked to self-isolate for **10 days**. The rest of the household does not need to isolate unless the child/close contact develops symptoms. **ONLY GO FOR A TEST IF SYMPTOMATIC**

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

Ensure positive case completes remainder of **10 day** isolation period (from date of onset of symptoms). Household members without symptoms should complete **10 day** isolation – even if they have received a negative test result.

NHS test and trace service will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited.

If a child is a confirmed case they can return to school after **10 days**. However if they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait a further 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If a household member is a confirmed case, but child does not develop symptoms, they can return to setting only after completing the **10 days** household isolation period.