



Wolsingham Primary letter

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Covid-19 Cases in School

As I am sure you will be aware from letters sent out to parents over the last couple of weeks, we have had a number of positive Covid-19 cases in school. From the beginning of the autumn term, close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases are identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing. We would like to clarify that you will therefore not be notified by the school if your child is a close contact of someone who has had a positive test. We will however continue to send out the 'Advise and Inform' letter to classes where we have had confirmation from parents of a positive PCR test of someone within that class.

We would like to reassure parents that the school continues to have measures in place to reduce the risk of children and staff contracting Covid-19 in school as far as possible including class 'bubbles', zoned areas of playgrounds and of the lunch hall, open windows and doors, regular hand washing and sanitising, twice weekly testing by all adults and additional cleaning. As I am sure that you will appreciate, due to restrictions outside of school being relaxed, it is impossible for us to eliminate Covid-19 within the school, particularly if children are asymptomatic. We continue to monitor cases in school closely, reporting attendance on a daily basis and large outbreaks to PHE where necessary.

Unfortunately, due to the positive Covid-19 cases in school currently, we have decided not to hold a Halloween Disco / Party this year. However, we are inviting children to come to school on **Thursday 21st October** in their Halloween costumes if they would like to. We will continue to monitor the situation in school carefully across the autumn term and make decisions regarding whole school events based on this.

Flu Vaccinations

The **nasal influenza** vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception-Year 11. The team is scheduled to visit on Monday 11th October. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation in school, please ensure your consent form has been submitted by **midnight on Tuesday 5th October**. A letter with more information about the vaccination has been emailed out to parents. Please see below for details of how to consent for your child.

How do I give my consent?

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **114068** and click "**Find School**".
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the **green "Submit" button**.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor.

All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

- parents of children attending nursery either full-time or part-time
- any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please complete the nomination form attached to this email.

The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to school by **Friday 15th October 2021**.

Where the number of nominations is equal to, or fewer than, the places available, no ballot will be necessary. Any remaining vacancies will be appointed by our Governing Body. Should a ballot be required each parent will be sent a voting form. When the process has been finalised school will inform the parent body via email. School and Governor Support Service will write formally to all nominees confirming the outcome of the ballot.

Dates for your diary...

Year 4 Meet the Teacher	Monday 4 th October 5pm
Flu Immunisations	Monday 11 th October
EYFS Autumn Walk	Tuesday 19 th October am
Y3 and Y4 Autumn Walk	Tuesday 19 th October pm
KS1 Autumn Walk	Wednesday 20 th October am
Y5 and Y6 Autumn Walk	Wednesday 20 th October pm
Halloween Dress Up Day	Thursday 21 st October
School Closes for Half Term	Thursday 21 st October
School Re-opens	Monday 1 st November

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