

Friday 18th March 2022

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## DEC UKRAINE APPEAL

On Friday 1st April 2022 we are inviting the children and staff to wear yellow and blue clothing to show our solidarity with the people of Ukraine. Parents and carers may wish to make a donation towards the Disaster Emergency Appeal for Ukraine. Any donations sent in no matter how small will be sent to the DEC for Ukraine Appeal fund. Or if you wish you can make your own donation by clicking on this link.

Each family's circumstances are different so any donation will be welcomed by those in Ukraine or those who have recently had to leave their homes behind.

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

If we raise the amounts below, see what we could provide:

£30 could provide essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month

£50 could provide blankets for four families

£100 could provide emergency food for two families for one month



## END OF SCHOOL DAY

Just a little reminder that school finishes at 3.15pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

For Key Stage Two school finishes at 3.20pm. Please be mindful that classes finish at this time and may not be on the yard at this time. Please be aware that children need to collect their belongs, put their coats on etc before they are dismissed and this all takes time. This means you may have to wait a few extra minutes for your child. Please do not challenge staff if your child leaves school a few minutes after 3.20pm.

### Dates for your Diary

#### **Thursday 31st March**

Year 4 trip to Chester

#### **Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April**

School closed for Easter holidays

#### **Monday 25th April**

School opens to pupils

#### **Monday 2nd May**

Bank holiday Monday - school

#### **Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May**

SATs week

School opens to pupils

# UNDERSTANDING HOW LATENESS AFFECTS YOUR LEARNING TIME



## MINUTES LATE PER DAY

(If you are late by the following number of minutes each and every day, the numbers on the right show how much learning has been missed)

## HOW MANY SCHOOL DAYS/ SCHOOL WEEKS MISSED IN 1 YEAR

**5 MINUTES**

**3.5 school days**

**10 MINUTES**

**1.5 school weeks**

**15 MINUTES**

**2.5 school weeks**

**20 MINUTES**

**3 school weeks**

**30 MINUTES**

**4 school weeks**

# COVID UPDATE

Current COVID rate 534,000 people have tested positive in the last 7 days in the UK.

We are continuing to see a rise in coronavirus cases in our community and within both schools. It is likely that this will continue.

The fact that most cases show no sign, or very little sign of having the virus, emphasises the importance of testing in order to identify people carrying and potentially spreading the virus.

We currently have a number of adults in our Somerville families who are COVID positive and therefore we need to be cautious. Staff at the primary school have returned to wearing masks in corridors etc to prevent the spread of the virus and we need your support too to prevent classes at the Primary school and rooms at the Nursery school being closed due to staff shortages.

Currently a number of staff are absent either with illness or COVID and there are shortages in the supply chain for the same reason and other schools finding the same issues.

At present we are managing to cover absences with support from other staff within the school however if the rates of infection continues in our community we may have no alternative but to close classes and rooms.

We therefore need your help.

If your child has symptoms do not send them to school and get them tested as soon as possible and inform the school. Then ensure that they isolate at home for at least five days, we are finding that most positive LFT results do not usually come back negative until day 8 or 9.

If you or another adult or child in your household has COVID please test your children each day before sending them to school, however if they have symptoms such as a cough it is likely that they have already been infected even if the lateral flow comes back negative. Lateral flow tests only come back positive after having the infection for 3 to 5 days. So they have probably already spread the infection to others in school by the time a positive result is seen.

If your child has a cough, cold or other symptoms they may be generally unwell. Just because they do not have COVID does not mean that they should come to school. If your child is unwell they may need time to get themselves better and also to prevent other children picking up their infection or bug such as diarrhea, vomiting or a cough or cold. You know yourself if you are unwell that you need rest and time to recover.