

14th January 2022



We wish all of our families a Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to everyone for the new school term.

Message from the School Governors. The Governors were sad to learn of Mrs Brown's intention to leave her post, as Headteacher of Wynstream School, at the end of this term. Gill has decided to take the opportunity to retire and we are very sorry to see her go. She has worked tirelessly, for Wynstream School, for many years and her efforts on behalf of the children who have passed through our doors, over the years, are greatly appreciated. We wish her well in whatever the future holds for her.

Therefore, I am writing, on behalf of the Governing Board, to inform you of our plan for filling this post. The Governors feel that, currently, the school would benefit from leadership by an experienced Headteacher and we have approached the Education South West Multi Academy Trust, with whom we have a Managed Partnership arrangement, for their help in sourcing a suitable person to fill this vacancy without delay.

As the strategic direction of the school is

still under discussion, we shall not be seeking a permanent appointment at this time. The post will initially be offered on a temporary basis and will be for two terms, in the first instance. It is hoped to fill the post by the end of this month. We shall endeavour to keep you informed of further developments as they occur.

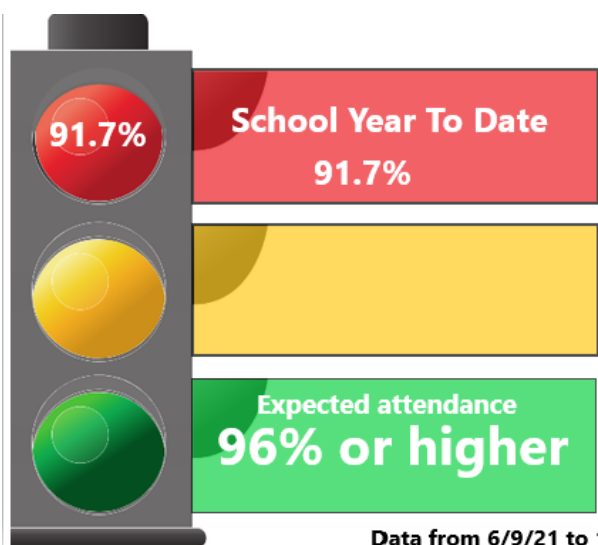
Covid19 Test reporting. With changes relating to isolation periods, and the sole use of lateral flow tests to report positive cases, we would like to clarify steps that parents/carers should take in relation to school. In all cases referred to below, GOV.UK test confirmations should be sent to wynstreamadmin@ecfschools.org.uk

1. In the event of a **lateral flow test appearing positive for a pupil** resulting in school absence, please register the test on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website. The confirmation text/email can then be sent to school to ensure the correct absence coding.
2. In the event of a **child returning from abroad**, evidence of a Covid test is required. Please send the test outcome to the email address above. If a lateral flow test is used please ensure you register the test result at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and send the confirmation email/text to the school email address above.
3. In the event of a **child isolating following a positive Covid test**, it is now possible to be released early from the 10 day isolation period providing that

the child has 2 x negative lateral flow tests. Effective from Monday 17th January The 1st test can be no earlier than Day 5, the 2nd test has to be on Day 6, no less than 24 hrs after the 1st test. If the Day 6 test is negative then children can return to school that same day. Please register the test result on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk), with the confirmation email/text sent to school.

School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting.

The information below shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September 2021 and 10th January 2022 is currently **91.7%**, static from 4 weeks ago. This is below the expected attendance rate of **96% or higher**.



Data from 6/9/21 to 10/01/22

Year 6 Swimming lessons. Swimming lessons have recommenced on Friday mornings. As part of the PE curriculum, Mulberry class will have lessons this half term at Northbrook Swimming Pool with Oak class following on after the February half term break.



Spring Term Sports Clubs. Sports Clubs resumed on the 10th January, and lots of fun has already been had by our children. It is not too late to book a space. More details, including the full timetable and how to book a place can be found on the letter sent home, or by clicking [here](#)

Free School Meal Vouchers—February Half Term. We are working with the Devon County Council FSM team to ensure that our eligible families receive the vouchers for the half term break. Vouchers will be sent by email so please update us if your email address has changed recently. The cut off date for updating contact information or new eligibility is **Friday 18th February** to receive the vouchers for half term.

A big hello to Ben Westley, our new SENDCO. Ben joined us at the beginning of January, and we are delighted that he has joined the Wynstream team having moved from Bristol. Ben is looking forward to working with the children and their families and has been enjoying a warm welcome. Fun Facts; Ben loves to read, learning languages and playing the violin. Welcome aboard Ben.



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to Zak Watts, Isla Taylor and Niranjan Surej who have all painted brilliant pictures of the Houses of Parliament in the style of Van Gogh.



For some excellent poetry writing, Headteachers Awards have been presented to Niranjan Surej, Solomon Akinola, Gracie White and Tymon Czekaj.

Well done also to Ifeoluwa Odetona, Brayden Croft and Cohen Morgan.



Key School Dates;

February Half-Term Holiday. Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February inclusive. First day back in school is Monday 28th February.

Easter Holidays. Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April inclusive. First day back in school is Monday 25th April.

School Dinners - The school calendar and menu can be found on our website www.wynstreamprimary.org.uk

The **Winter Child Flu Vaccinations clinic** was held in school on January 7th 2022 for children for whom consent was received by Virgincare. An email was sent out from the school giving details for the catch up clinic that parents can book into if their child was not vaccinated as part of the school programme. Please call Virgincare direct on 0300 247 0082.

