



# Landau Forte Academy Greenacres



## Our Academy Newsletter: 1st October 2021

**Thank you for your support** — I am pleased to report that our case numbers for covid have fallen considerably following the guidance from the authorities, and continuing to be careful in school. We are also grateful to parents for keeping us informed and updated on any cases in the family, and taking children for tests. We are constantly monitoring the situation and we have still got some measures in place for the safety of pupils and staff. Below is a letter received from Staffordshire County Council for parents which we are passing onto you for information:

“Covid-19 rates in Staffordshire are now some of the highest in the UK, and we must do everything we can to reduce these rates and stop the spread of the virus in our communities. The biggest numbers of cases are in the 11 to 18 age group, with schools and colleges in Stafford, Staffordshire Moorlands and Lichfield particularly badly affected.

Because of this, we are asking all schools and parents to do what they can to minimise the spread of Covid-19.

As a parent, you can help by continuing to LFT test your child twice a week. If they are showing any symptoms of Covid-19 you must keep them off school and get a PCR test as soon as possible at a local testing site.

If another member of your household tests positive for Covid-19, we strongly recommend that all members of your household get PCR tests as a precaution. We would also advise you to stay at home until you get your result.

We have also put together some extra measures that schools are being encouraged to take to limit the spread. These include:

- \* The reintroduction of class bubbles
- \* No all-school events like assemblies for the time being
- \* Enhanced cleaning, especially in high-risk areas
- \* Request that all contacts of positive cases are asked to get a PCR test

Where pupils/staff have a sibling/parent/guardian/other member in their household who is a confirmed case there is a high risk of infection. PCR testing strongly advised for all household contacts. Pupils/staff household contacts advised to stay at home pending PCR test result – this will normally take 48-72 hours. If infection rates escalate, some schools may need to close for short periods and move lessons online (for some classes/year groups), to prevent the spread and reduce ongoing transmission.”

**Harvest Festival** — We are having a dress down Friday on 15th October. Due to covid restrictions we have decided that instead of bringing produce into school that we will have a non-uniform day and ask for a donation instead. This will be passed onto St Giles Hospice instead of the produce.

**Parents' Evenings** — Letters have now been sent out to all parents. Please arrange for your telephone consultation to get an update on your child's progress. Reports will be e-mailed to you before half term so that you can read them before the phone call consultations which will take place over three weeks in November.

**Reception Superhero's Day** — Children in Reception classes had a day where they came dressed in costumes depicting their favourite super hero. They had an enjoyable day and there were some amazing costumes.

## Calendar

- 15/10/21 — End of term/Dress Down day for Harvest Festival
- 01/11/21 — Pupils return to School
- 09/11/21 — Whole School Photos
- 19/11/21 — Children in Need Day

