

WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL



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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Happy New Year. We hope you all had a safe and restful Christmas with your loved ones.

As with previous communications earlier this academic year, we need to start by updating you on arrangements regarding our management of COVID-19. We continue to remain in line Government guidelines for schools.

Please ensure that your child stays at home if they are unwell with Covid symptoms. They must continue to stay at home until 48 hours after the fever passes. They should do so even if they have tested negative for Covid 19.

This means that the wearing of face covering whilst moving about the school continues for all staff and visitors. In addition, we are now requesting that parents and carers wear face covering whilst on the school grounds including at drop off and collection. We will keep spaces well ventilated; this may occasionally mean that your child will be invited to wear their coat indoors. We will continue to consider gatherings and events on case-by-case basis in line with guidance and advice from the Local Authority.

Sadly, Mr Rockey remains unwell, and we continue to wish him well with his recovery. As you will be aware, we have been supported by Stuart Busby whilst Mr Rockey has remained unwell. We are pleased that our school has made positive progress through the autumn term which has been validated through two local authority visits, most recently in the last week of term. We are making positive progress against areas identified by Ofsted but know that we need to continue and are therefore pleased to be able to share some information about the next developments on this journey.

In order to secure this, we have approached Palladian Academy Trust to provide an ongoing support package. As a strong local multi-academy trust, Palladian is committed to supporting their neighbouring schools and have therefore developed a programme of support for Westwood with Iford school. As part of this, Tracey Dunn, Headteacher, will start working across both Fitzmaurice and Westwood with Iford school from this term. Initially she will be



based at Westwood with Iford school for 3 days a week. Stuart Busby will work with Tracey Dunn to ensure a smooth transition to the next phase of our leadership over this term. Palladian will also be offering a wider support package, pulling on the strong practice in all their schools, providing opportunities for Westwood with Iford school colleagues to be part of wider professional development networks.

We are really excited about the positive opportunity that this represents. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Stuart Busby or Bryony Green.

Yours faithfully,

Stuart Busby
Interim Headteacher

Bryony Green
Chair of Governors