

# THE LINK

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term and, of course, a new year!

It was lovely to welcome our students back to school on Wednesday and we hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas break.

Thank you for ensuring that your son/daughter has returned to school with a face covering and also for the home Lateral Flow Testing that you have been continuing with. We are also very grateful for your support in sending your child/ren back in the correct uniform and abiding by our expectations regarding make-up and jewellery.

#### Important update regarding Lateral Flow / PCR Testing

Since I wrote to you on Tuesday with some updates from the Department For Education, there have been some more important changes to make you aware of. In particular the following should be noted:

From 11th January in England, people who receive positive Lateral Flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

This is a <u>temporary</u> measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with a positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Lateral Flow Tests are being taken by people who do not have any COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test- these rules have not changed.

Thank you for keeping us informed of any positive cases of COVID-19 so that we can keep track of cases in school and please do continue to have your child/ren do Lateral Flow Tests at home twice weekly.

With best wishes for a good weekend

John Parr Headteacher

# Happy New Yearl

#### Reminder

The next instalment for Enrichment week trips is due by the end of this month. Thank you.

#### **Bushcraft Trip 2022**

There are a few remaining spaces on the Bushcraft trip in July 2022 for Enrichment week. This trip is for Year 7's and Year 8's. If your child/ren would like to go on this trip, please pay a deposit using ParentPay.

#### **Lunch Money**

Please can you ensure that you top up your ParentPay account for school lunches.

#### **Shire Services Vacancy**

**SS22/001 Kitchen Assistant,** 20HPW, Church Stretton Secondary School, Church Stretton, SY6 6EX. Closing 23/01/22

If you would like anymore information please click on the link below

https://careers.shropshire.gov.uk/vacancy/ss22-001-kitchen-assistant-470858.html

#### **Uniform Reminder**

As you are aware, we currently have the windows open for increased ventilation. If students are wearing **both** a school polo and school jumper (as expected) and are still cold they will be allowed to wear a t-**shirt/vest underneath**. Additionally, if students have a school fleece they can choose to wear this as an additional layer.

# PE

# Extra-Curricular Timetable

#### Lunch-Time Activities

Early-lunch passes can be obtained from the club / activities.

Packed lunches are encouraged to make the most of your time.

Check with the activity leader what kit will be required.

### After-school Activities

Activities start at 3:20. Check the finish time with the activity leader.

Ensure that parents / carers are aware of finish / collection times.







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