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Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Annual Attendance Summary

Today I am sending home the first attendance summary of the academic year. This will help you keep track of your child's school attendance. If you have a query, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Ho, our Learning Mentor, or your child's class teacher.



The summary is colour coded as follows:

Outstanding	Blue:100%	AMAZING! The very best chance of success. You are off to a flying start!
Good	Green: 99.99%-96.50%	You are on target or above! You are off to a flying start! (The Government's attendance target is 95%)
Satisfactory	Yellow: 95% - 96.49%	Below the school's aspirational attendance target but still above the Government's attendance target.
Worrying	Amber: 90.01%-94.99%	Less chance of success because of periods of lost learning time. Makes it harder for children to progress as well. (Below 95% is considered below acceptable by the Department of Education)
Cause For Concern *Persistent Absentee*	Red: Below 90%	Education Welfare Officer Involvement. Possibly required to attend Attendance Review Meeting in school. (Liable for Penalty Notice and prosecution if attendance/punctuality does not improve)

Celebration Assembly

Attendance was celebrated during this morning's assembly where pupils who have achieved attendance that meets and exceeds school target (including 100% pupils) were put into a prize raffle to win an exciting Christmas Eve box kindly donated by Asda.

We appreciate attendance has been greatly impacted by COVID and for some pupils this will result in them having attendance that is less than 90%. Please be assured that for these pupils they will not be penalised as a result. School attendance is important and for those children whose attendance poses a concern we will work with to seek improvement in the New Year.

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Farewell

Today we say farewell to Mrs Richardson who supports in Tomlinson class. We wish her well in her future endeavours and thank her for her hard work on behalf of our children.

Young Voices Wednesday 5th January 2022

This has now been postponed until Spring/Summer 2022. All ticket orders will be transferable to the new date. School will hold onto any pre ordered t shirts/tickets until a new date has been confirmed.

Upcoming Dates

Friday 17th December 2021	School Closes – End of Term
Tuesday 4th January 2022	This additional day is in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022
Wednesday 5th January 2022	School Reopens
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Young Voices – Year 5 and 6 postponed
Friday 18th February 2022	School Closes – Half Term
Monday 28 th February 2022	School Reopens
Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May 2022	KS2 SATS Week

Our Attendance Target 96.5%

Congratulations to Robins 2 and Hockney classes for achieving the highest attendance figures this week.

Reception & Key Stage 1			Key Stage 2		
	Attendance	Lates		Attendance	Lates
Robins 1 (Reception)	93.88%	2	Tomlinson Class (Y3)	94.42%	3
Robins 2 (Reception)	95.0%	0	Brownlee Class (Y3/4)	95.65%	1
Hepworth Class (Y1)	90.71%	3	Adams Class (Y4)	92.76%	2
Waterton Class (Y1/2)	94.44%	3	Bronte Class (Y5)	93.69%	0
Sharman Class (Y2)	89.86%	0	Cook Class (Y5/6)	90.43%	1
			Hockney Class (Y6)	98.64%	1

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School attendance for the week is **93.55%**, which is below our attendance target.

Please report any absences by leaving a message **with a detailed reason for absence** (we cannot accept "unwell" or "feeling poorly") on 01924 890576 (option 1) before 9am or alternatively email NCPAttendance@watertonacademytrust.org

It is extremely important, if you are currently awaiting a PCR test result that you inform school of the outcome (via the Attendance Email Inbox) as we may need to inform the rest of our school community of any positive cases.

As you can appreciate the importance of this, we would like to keep all of our families safe and well over the Christmas break.

Finally...

I'd like to say a big thank you on behalf of the staff team for the thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts you have given us. **We wish you a very Happy Christmas** and look forward to seeing everyone again when we return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

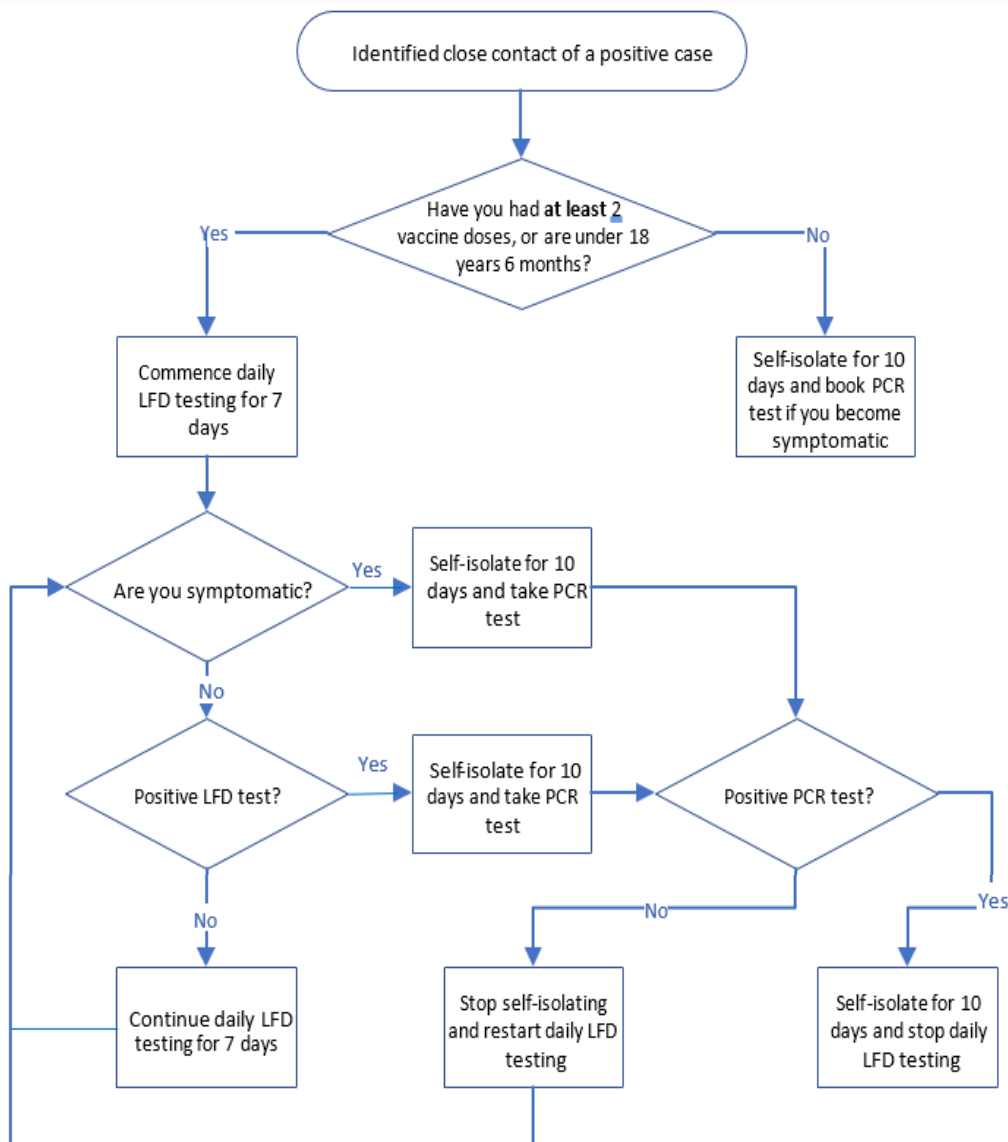
Yours sincerely,

A Riby - Head of School

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Self-isolation and testing requirements from 14th December 2021



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