



School Newsletter

Friday 10th September

Welcome Back

It is fantastic to see all of the children back to school and ready and raring for the new school year ahead. We welcome Beachy, Sophie, Poppy, Maisie, Julian, Amelia, Alexei, Harris, Mia and their families to Drake's School. You will have all received the letter about drop and collection arrangements. We no longer need to have bubbles in school so children can mix and play with each other from across the school.

PE Days

Monday – Otters

Tuesday – Whole school

Wednesday – Dragonflies

Thursday – Kingfishers

On your child's PE day please send your child already dressed in their PE kit. They will remain in their PE kit for the whole day.

Clubs

Early Morning Club is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8.00—8.40 am.

After School Club is available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3.00 —4.45pm. **(Please note new finishing time).**

Please could all bookings be made, by midday on the Friday before the week you would like your child/children to attend. For all clubs bookings, please email admindrakes@thelink.academy to book your place. We will then send confirmation of your booking and you can pay on ParentPay.

Important Dates	
Friday 22nd October	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 1st November	School Resumes

Please see the latest government guidance on self isolation

When do children need to isolate?

Children need to self-isolate if they have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.

If your child has any of the above, they should self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible.

Children should also self-isolate if:

- they've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means they have the virus

they've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#).

If they develop symptoms or get a positive LFD test, they should book a PCR test. If a pupil is asked to get a PCR test if they are identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, they may continue to attend education until they get the result of their PCR back. If a child lives with someone who has tested positive, they should continue to go to school.

So, what if my child has been in contact with a confirmed case?

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
 - they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
 - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. They do not need to isolate while awaiting the PCR test.

Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

Our first Value this year is HOPE