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Staffing News

I am sorry to inform you that Mrs Maddison, a dinner lady and cleaner in school sadly passed away after a short illness in the half term holiday. Mrs Maddison worked at Beaconhill for many years and will be dearly missed, but fondly remembered by all who knew her. Some children may need sensitive support at home in terms of talking about their feelings in response to this news.

COVID

The recent news that COVID restrictions are to be lifted has brought a positive note to Spring this year. We are looking to lift some of the organisational restrictions as soon as possible.

Playtimes have already reverted to our usual timetables, full hot meal menus will be reinstated from Monday 7th March, and whole school assemblies will begin again later in the term.

In terms of pupil absence due to COVID, instructions to parents are as follows..

- To protect the wider school population, **pupils who test positive must stay at home for 5 days and not return to school until day 6**. Pupils should return to school on day 6 as long as they are well enough to do so. Note that there is no need for a lateral flow test to prove negative COVID status. These arrangements will be reviewed after Easter.
- We will continue to request pupils showing symptoms are collected from school and tested, for as long as PCR tests remain available.
- Pupils who are close contacts should continue to attend school as usual. Please ensure you have a robust network to call upon in the event you are unable to bring your child to school.
- Pupils isolating should continue to complete work set by the teacher, including the work signposted on the class pages on the school website.

Menus from 7th March

I am pleased to inform you that full hot meal menus will be served from Monday 7th March. The menus will be available on the school website, and will be sent home via email and hard copy.

Leave of Absence

Please refrain from booking holidays during term time. We are working hard to address the many gaps in learning seen as a result of the COVID lockdowns, and further absences from school are counterproductive.