

# Rufford Park Post



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## Headteacher's news:

It has been a challenging week in school (and for parents at home) as we have seen Covid levels rise and impact on staffing as well as the day to day running of the school. The Omicron variant appears to spread more rapidly than previous strains of the virus and we reached the threshold in one class earlier this week which resulted in us creating a 'class bubble'. We hope that these actions will keep an outbreak across school at bay.

The whole school [Risk Assessment](#) is changing on a regular basis and will be updated in due course to reflect the temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education and childcare settings (11 January). It is hard to keep on top of changes to guidance - especially when they come with such regularity. In relation to the most recent change, It is important to note that PCRs do still play a part at this time. If a member of staff or a pupil has **tested positive on a LFD test and has symptoms**, he/she must follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and **get a PCR test**. PCR tests are not needed for positive LFD results in asymptomatic people.

What this means for schools is that we can act more quickly than we were able to previously. We will now be able to take a positive LFD result as a positive case in school and not wait until it is confirmed by a PCR test. We can contact parents and staff of positive cases in classes more promptly and we can be alert to the symptoms more swiftly too. Remember, schools are not expected to trace contacts of positive cases as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. It is therefore important that positive LFD tests are reported to the NHS immediately so that contact tracing is triggered.

Thankyou for your continued support. I hope you have a good weekend and enjoy the more settled weather.

**Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week**

[Nursery](#)

[Reception](#)

[Y1 Pear](#)

[Y1/2 Lime](#)

[Y2 Cherry](#)

[Y3 Willow](#)

[Y3/4 Cedar](#)

[Y4 Beech](#)

[Y5 Oak](#)

[Y5/6 Ash](#)

[Y6 Maple](#)

This week in assembly we discussed the concept of **copying** and whether it was okay to copy in school. The overall response was interesting - the children saw copying as a negative action. Further discussions around when it might be good to copy (and the important part it plays in learning) followed and the children soon understood how it can help them.

### KS1 Music: Skylar's Missing Note

This morning the children in Y1 and Y2 enjoyed an innovative and theatrical music experience learning about pitch, tempo and dynamics. They watched a performance and then took part in class workshops.



[Here](#) is a promo video to give you a flavour of the performance.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 8 Feb 3:40-7:00pm &

Wed 9 Feb 3:40-6:00pm: Parents' Evening

Mon 14 March 2022: Teacher Training Day - school will be closed to the children