

Reading Early Years Schools Federation

A federation of Blagdon, Caversham and New Bridge Nursery Schools
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust you all had a Happy and restful Christmas break (although how restful a break can be with a young child is debatable!)

I would like to share some guidance issued by the DFE last week regarding the high levels and Flu, Covid and Scarlet Fever in current circulation.

“It’s important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it’s still not too late.”

UKHSA – 2nd Jan 2023.

I have attached a link to the full guidance here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever>

I would like to reassure you that alongside this advice, we will be increasing our cleaning of common surfaces and toys, encouraging children to wash their hands often and helping them to cough/sneeze into a tissue and wash their hands.

I ask you all to refrain from sending any children who are unwell or being supported by Calpol into the nursery – as any illness can spread quickly to other children and staff members.

Hopefully these measures will help to stop virus spreading and keep our staff and children safe and well.

I wish you all a Happy and healthy 2023.

Kind Regards

Jo Budge

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