


Dear Parents and Carers,

As this half term draws to a close, it has been comforting that there have been virtually no Covid-incidences that have disturbed the learning in-school. As I shared two weeks ago, even though the national roadmap changed restrictions from May 17th, the system of controls within schools has hardly changed. The main news item was around the wearing of masks, and this measure



 was continued after authorisation from local public health due to the concern around a Covid-variant in our town. Upon the return from the half term break, masks will no longer be required for pupils in and around the school. (If you would like one of our spare boxes of masks, please let us know.)

However, just as we accepted that there were exemptions to mask wearing when it was recommended, if pupils or staff wish to continue to use a face covering then they may do so. The other control measures in school, such as the regular use of hand sanitiser, the cleaning of desks at the end of sessions and the enhanced cleaning regime that operates unobtrusively throughout the school day will all continue. Likewise, it is anticipated that the structure of the day will remain unaltered for this term unless Department for Education guidance indicates otherwise when it is published ahead of the next roadmap point of 21st June. A reminder: wrap-around care is provided while the staggered start and end times remain, and places can be booked by contacting us.



Our transition arrangements are well honed and regarded highly. These have been working well for our Year 8 pupils as they look to their different high schools. Additionally, contacts with first schools and some primaries have also begun as we ready ourselves to welcome new pupils, hopefully, on the two transition days for Redditch, which are Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July. As with most things in the current circumstances, we have a Plan A and B, just in case!



My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

John 3:18

Rev. C. Leach, Principal

A prayer for The Ascension

Almighty and eternal God, bless us as we celebrate this day's festival and direct our eyes heavenward where in human flesh, your only Son is with you; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's theme was: The Ascension`

Lifting up his hands Jesus blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven.

Luke 24:50-51

Whole School Attendance

94.37%

Whole School Target

95.6%

Congratulations to the following tutor groups 99%+ for the week commencing 17.05.21:

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For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Honour	Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honouring one another. <i>Romans 12:10</i>
The assembly theme:	Celtic Christianity	Everyone on this earth will remember you, Lord. People all over the world will turn and worship you. <i>Psalm 22:27</i>

We ask for your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	enjoyable times together as families	Monday	the homeless community in Redditch
Tuesday	technicians in the Covid testing labs.	Wednesday	Walkwood's team of cleaning staff
Thursday	NHS doctors, nurses and support staff	Friday	the elderly who are lonely

Picture of the Week



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A "fast food" shop from the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, which was destroyed in a volcanic eruption almost 2,000 years ago, is to open to the public later this year. The food counter, known as a thermopolium, would have served hot food and drinks to locals in the city. The paintings on this counter have been preserved for nearly two millennia.

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week:

bedraggled

What word class is this word? Could it belong to more than one word class?

How many syllables does it have?

Write the dictionary definition(s) of this word, using your own words.

Are there any synonyms for the word?

Are there any antonyms for the word?

Write four sentences, each containing the word.

Challenge: vary the type of sentence each time: write one as a statement; one as a question; one as a command and one as an exclamation sentence.

For example, if the *Word of the Week* were joyous:

Statement: Xavier is feeling joyous this morning.

Question: Does that music sound joyous to you?

Command: Make yourself look a little more joyous.

Exclamation: What a joyous evening!

Show your tutor your notes on Word of the Week and receive a merit for answering the questions above!



Top Readers for 26th April 2021 - 26th May 2021

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Molly Pym McGran (7E2) - who has read 740,237 words

Top Boy

Harley Wilson (7E3) - who has read 587,320 words

Well done - 3 merits will be awarded to you both.

Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU

Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

- Roald Dahl



Keeping children safe

The following information concerns how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

Early help: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/19c6-Early%20Help%20Offer.pdf>

E-safety: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/E-Safety>

Anti-bullying: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/f2c9-Anti-bullying%20Policy.pdf>

Attendance: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/53d7-Attendance%202018.pdf>

Prevent: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/25a5-Prevent%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Safeguarding: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection>

<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/a297-Safeguarding%20Policy%202019.pdf>

Relationships and Sex Education: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Content/files/9ca0-Relationships%20and%20Sex%20Education%20Policy%202019.pdf>



[Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms](#)

[Track and trace](#)

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

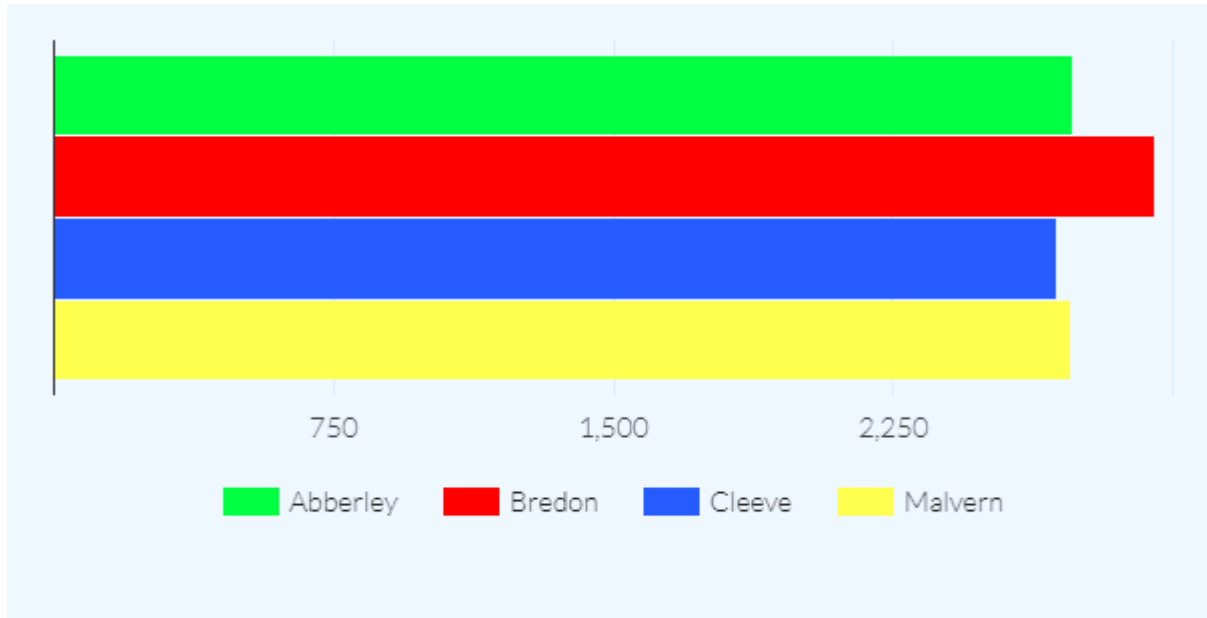
- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.



Epraise Update

Points This Week: By College





Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 2 1	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half Term
	Wednesday 21 July	End of Term
	Thursday 2 September	Staff Development Day
	Friday 3 September	Staff Development Day
	Monday 6 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 22 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 25 to Friday 29 October	Half Term
	Friday 17 December	End of Term
	Tuesday 4 January	Staff Development Day
2 0 2 2	Wednesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 21 to Friday 25 February	Half Term
	Friday 8 April	End of Term
	Monday 25 April	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 26 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half Term
	Friday 22 July	End of Term