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We have been amazed by how brilliant all of our children have been since starting back at school. They are settling quickly into new routines and their behaviour in and around school has been impeccable!

They have all told me that the best thing about being back at school is seeing all of their friends and teachers again!

As I have been walking around school this week there has been a real sense of calm with children and staff working hard in classes. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff who have been amazing, making sure that everything feels as 'normal' as it possibly can for the children in these unprecedented times. Thank you for your lovely comments on the door and via email – they really are appreciated.

Please continue to help us to stay safe at drop off and collection times, particularly in light of the new local restrictions by:

- Only arriving at your allocated time
- Maintaining social distancing on the yard
- Keeping children with you at all times
- Not congregating in groups on the playground or near the gates

Some of our parents and carers (at Broadway East and Gosforth Park) have asked us whether they should be wearing face coverings when on the school site. Although this is not currently Government advice, we understand that some of our partner schools in the Trust and across Newcastle are now asking parents and carers to wear face masks/coverings when on school sites to drop off and pick up children. **Given the rise in local cases and the enhanced local restrictions introduced today, we are now encouraging all parents and carers to wear face coverings when on the school site. However, I must stress that this is your own choice and we will not be enforcing this procedure.**

We know that the new restrictions may add additional childcare pressures on our families.

The Gosforth Park out of School Club have some spaces before and after school. This can be booked via their website [www.gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk](http://www.gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk) and the owners can be contacted on the numbers below

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## Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of our children who have collected 10 gold stars already! Your certificates will be sent via Seesaw.



Whole school attendance was 97.8% this week!  
Please see below our Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide. Please be aware we still cannot grant term time holiday requests and holiday absence will be followed up in the same way as usual as will all other unauthorised absence.



Passwords have all been renewed and should be stuck in your child's reading record. Please let us know if you have any problems.

***Please remember, red reading folders are only needed in school on Mondays and Fridays.***



More of us are now preparing packed lunches for school which can take a lot of time and planning. It's really important to try to incorporate all the food groups to help towards providing a balanced diet. The following website has a clear and colourful guide that you could use as a reference to help you:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-eatwell-guide>.

Don't forget, a healthy play time snack of either fruit or vegetables will also add to your child's 5-a-day and help boost their immune system.



Please make sure you are signed up for Seesaw. If you need us to resend your instructions, please drop Admin an email and we can get those sent to you.

If your child needs to isolate at home for any reason, this is how we will be sending out home learning. This is also how teachers will be sending homework. SeeSaw is used from Year 1-4



Nursery and Reception are in the process of setting up Tapestry. We need all consent forms to be returned in order to do this. Please help us to spread the word to Nursery and Reception parents who may not be receiving emails.



The school newsletter is emailed to you each Friday via ParentPay. Please make sure you activate your account as soon as possible. ParentPay is used for emails, trips and permission slips, not just for paying for school lunches. Once you have logged into the web browser, make sure you have your notifications turned on (speech bubble icon, change alert settings, turn on email and text alerts in all categories).

If using a smart phone, you will be prompted to add ParentPay to your home screen so it appears as an APP for easy access.

If you have any problems, please let the office know.

Thanks



## Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide

	Scenario	Action required
1	<p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High temperature</b></li> <li>• <b>New continuous Cough</b></li> <li>• <b>Loss or change to sense of smell or taste</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</a></p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
2	The test result is negative	<p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>If well enough, your child can return to school on the following day (or the same day if possible).</p>
3	The test result is positive	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days. The person who has a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 14 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 14 days)</p>
4	My child is unwell with non COVID-19 related symptoms	Follow the usual school absence procedures.
5	Someone in my household has COVID symptoms	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</a></p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
6	Someone in my household has tested positive for COVID-19	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household for 14 days.</p> <p>The person who has tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.</p>

7	NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 <b>or</b> I know that my child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Your child will have to self-isolate for 14 days. Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate. If your child develops symptoms in the self-isolation period, follow the advice for scenario 1. If another member of the household develops symptoms, follow the advice for scenario 5.</p>
8	We are returning from travel to a country where a period of quarantine is necessary.	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Follow advice regarding the need to quarantine <a href="https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice">https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice</a> and how to quarantine <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk</a></p> <p>Ring school immediately so that we are aware and so that we can agree a return to school date.</p>
9	We have received medical advice that my child needs to resume shielding	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>
10	My child's school bubble has been told to self-isolate.	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>School will contact you to share the advice from Public Health England and to inform you of a return to school date and arrangements for remote learning.</p>

