



Newsletter

Welcome Back!

September 2020

We are so happy to have the school back to a 'new normal', with all the children present everyday. It has been strange during these unprecedented times, with lockdown, partial opening etc.

As we know COVID is still very much with us and we need to continue to be vigilant and to take the necessary precautions. You will have noticed that school is set up slightly differently and we encourage you to support us with the new practices. This includes arriving just before drop off/pick up and respecting the 'buffer' zones we have set out to enable respectful social distancing at the beginning and end of the school day.

We are beginning to get back to our usual timetable—breakfast club started again this week and we are planning to begin after school clubs next week.

As you have done throughout all of this, I want you to work with us during the rest of the current situation and if you have any queries/concerns to not hesitate in contacting the office and discussing it respectfully with us.

Thanks

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Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance is a key priority for school. Now we are back to school as 'normal', attendance is now mandatory again. We need to advise that the Government has decided to now re-impose the civil penalties and fines system for low and non-school attendance from September. If a family has COVID symptoms and is absent from school, we have a special code to enter on the register that will not affect attendance levels.

Home Learning

If we have to shut school or close some 'bubbles' we are required to continue to provide an education for the children.

To do this we will distribute weekly Home Learning packs that will include daily English and Maths lessons, as well as some topic related work. Now that schools are open again there is now an expectation that this work will be completed daily. To ensure this is the case teachers will be in daily contact to help make this happen. Again we welcome your support in helping this to happen and ensuring the children do not miss more learning.

Flu Immunisations

During July you should all have received a letter about flu vaccinations from Public Health England. It is very important that you reply to this and return it to them. This will help protect your child and hopefully lessen the symptoms come the winter. If you have any queries regarding this then let us know and we will be able to assist in getting it sorted.

School Photographs

We have the school photographer in school on **Wednesday 16th September**. We will be focusing on individual photos with school based siblings too. Unfortunately this year we can not have non-school based siblings in school.

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COVID-19 - Symptoms and Testing

Recently there has been some confusion regarding illness and when it is appropriate to send children to school. We understand parent concerns around this issue. This information has been put together using government guidance from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools> and the DFE guidance.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) 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

If your child has any of the coronavirus symptoms, please do not send them to school.

If your child does not have any of the above symptoms but is feeling unwell. They may return to school as soon as they feel better.

| What to do if... | Action needed | Return to school when... |
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| ...my child has coronavirus symptoms. | Do not come to school Self-isolate Get a test Inform school immediately about test result | ...the test comes back negative and the child is well enough to return to school. |
| ...my child tests positive for coronavirus. | Do not come to school Self-isolate for at least 10 days Inform school immediately about test result | They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste and they feel well enough. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone. |
| ...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms. | Do not come to school Self-isolate Household member to get a test. Inform school immediately about test result | ...the household member test is negative. |
| ...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus | Do not come to school Self-isolate for 14 days. | ...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation. |
| ...NHS track and trace have identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus | Do not come to school Self-isolate for 14 days. | ...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation. |
| ...we/my child travelled and have to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine | Do not come to school Self-isolate for 14 days. | ...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed. |

After School Clubs

Monday

Mini-band with MPN: 12.30—1.00 (Y3/4)

Tuesday

Football with NUFC: 3.30—4.30 (KS2)

Wednesday

Gymnastics with All-Star: 12.15—12.45 (Y3/4)

Dance Club with All-Star: 3.30—4.30 (KS2)

Thursday

Performing Arts with All-Star: 3.30—4.30 (KS2)

Friday

**** More clubs will follow.**

House Champions

Last years House Champions were **PUTTER** House! This is their third win in a row. Well done to all members of Putter House!

