



# The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

You may have seen on the BBC local news last night that schools in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been asked to increase COVID 19 mitigations. This is in response to the continuing rise in cases in the 0-17 age group. At the time of writing, we do not have any further positive cases in our school and would like to thank parents for being cautious and taking their child for a PCR test when they have any of the COVID 19 symptoms. The main symptoms remain:

- 1) High temperature
- 2) Continuous cough
- 3) Loss of taste and smell.

The use of Lateral Flow Tests (the ones you do at home and get the results without sending them off) should not be used with children under the age of 11 or where someone has symptoms. If you have symptoms then a PCR test from a test centre should be taken. LFT and PCRs work slightly differently, which is why the Government have asked that if you or anyone in your family is symptomatic, a PCR is taken.

The changes we have made at school do not have a great impact on you or your children. The mitigations are designed to try and keep schools open - there are a number of schools in our Local Authority area which are struggling to stay open due to high levels of staff absence.

On the next page is a chart which shows you what we are currently doing. You originally had this information at the end of last term, as well as at the start of this term, so much will look familiar to you. Any changes we are making are in blue. Should we have an "outbreak" (9 or more related cases) then we would take further advice from PHE about what else we could put in place.

There will be a letter coming out next week about how to book for Parent/Carer evenings. We would prefer to meet you using TEAMS but can offer a phone call if required.

Have a good weekend and stay safe,

Miss Shaw

## **Please remember:**

Everybody should arrive between **8.45 and 8.55** for school. If you arrive after 8.55, please come to the Community Door where a member of the senior staff will be there to welcome you. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, after 8.55 you will need to sign your child in at the Community Door.

Many thanks.



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Rationale	Mitigation
To prevent the potential of viral transmission within our school - <b>CLEANING.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Hand washing/sanitising</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ on entry to the building;</li> <li>○ prior to using the bathroom;</li> <li>○ on entry into the classroom post breaktime and lunchtime.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Increased cleaning of surfaces</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ within classrooms during the academic day (after each lesson)</li> <li>○ tables in communal rooms, including the meeting room, staff room and resource room after use;</li> <li>○ contact point cleaning (to increase from 2 to 3 times a day);</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Reduced sharing of equipment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Children have their own packs for learning which includes pens, pencils etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
To prevent the potential of viral transmission within our school - <b>VENTILATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Increased ventilation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ all classrooms must have an hour's ventilation with internal doors and all windows open prior to the school day and at the end of the school day;</li> <li>○ internal doors must be left open during the school day to allow ventilation from the corridor windows;</li> <li>○ classroom windows must be opened during play and lunchtimes to further ventilate the room, as a minimum amount of time. Hourly would be the preference.</li> <li>○ Communal staff rooms and corridors will have windows opened throughout the day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
To prevent the potential of viral transmission within our school – <b>REDUCING SOCIAL MIXING (ADULTS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See information re: cleaning and ventilation.</li> <li>○ Assemblies remain on line.</li> <li>○ Decreased number of staff members in communal rooms to allow 2m social distancing. Chairs will be marked as “not to be used”.</li> <li>○ “Maximum number of people” signs to be returned to communal rooms.</li> <li>○ All staff meetings to return to online (from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021).</li> <li>○ Parent/Carers evenings to be on line.</li> <li>○ Hall – the majority of the previous year group to have finished their lunch before the next group comes in. Y4/5/6 to have their packed lunches in classrooms. Maintain distance between different groups in the hall.</li> <li>○ PPA should be taken at home where possible.</li> <li>○ Staff should socially distance from each other wherever possible.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
To prevent the potential of viral transmission within our school – <b>TESTING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff to continue with twice weekly LFT and reporting results by 7pm on a Wednesday and a Sunday.</li> <li>• Anyone with symptoms should leave school and book a PCR test. They should self-isolate until the result of the PCR is known. If negative, return to school as soon as well enough.</li> <li>• Anyone who has been in contact with a person who is positive, should consider taking a PCR test. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leave of absence can be requested by a member of staff and parents are given an option to have their child at home until the PCR test result is returned. Remote education will be provided for those children as will a free school meal, if required.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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## Christmas Cards

It may be only October, but your children have still been busy designing Christmas Cards! By now you should have had the proof of the card your child has designed, plus an order form.

For every item ordered, **a proportion of the cost goes directly towards school PTFA funds**, to benefit the children in the school.

Please **return your order forms to school by next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Unfortunately late orders cannot be processed.

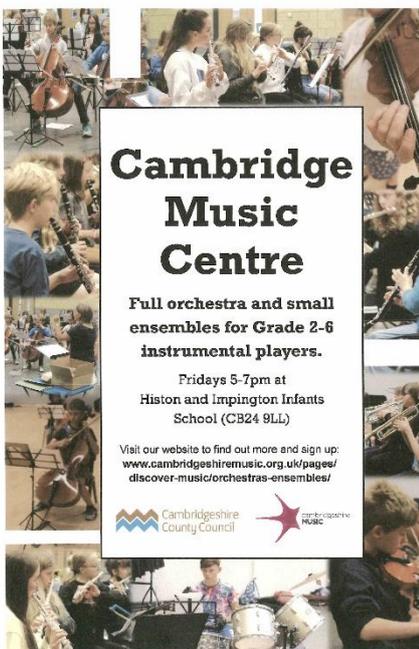


## Rucksacks

You may have seen children with the new Infant and Junior rucksacks which we have added to our uniform range this year! They are proving very popular and are large enough to carry books, packed lunch, school jumper and a water bottle.

If your child would like one, they can be ordered now via Pay360 (SIMSPay). We have just placed a new order with our uniform supplier, so items ordered now will be available in 3-4 weeks.

Please note the water bottle is not included!



**Cambridge Music Centre**

Full orchestra and small ensembles for Grade 2-6 instrumental players.

Fridays 5-7pm at Histon and Impington Infants School (CB24 9LL)

Visit our website to find out more and sign up: [www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk/pages/discover-music/orchestras-ensembles/](http://www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk/pages/discover-music/orchestras-ensembles/)

Cambridgeshire County Council 

The Cambridge Music Centre has launched after a long break and are recruiting young musicians! The centre is aimed at Grade 2-6 players and offers smaller ensembles as well as experience within a full orchestra setting.

The Centre runs on Friday evenings 5-7pm at the Old Histon and Impington Infants School (CB24 9LL). Each term's music is chosen based on a theme: Autumn 2021 is 'Myths and Legends'.

To sign up and get involved, visit: [www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk)

If you have any further questions about the centre, please get in touch with the Centre Manager, Emily - [Emily.myles@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Emily.myles@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



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*Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:*

Friday 8th October

Toucan: Afsan, Raaida

Hummingbird: Ruda, Adam

Woodpecker: Eshaal, Poppy

Flamingo: Dylan, Nour

Kookaburra: Charlie, Lexi

Ostrich: Mehreen, George

Wren: Arthur, Michai

Gosling: Noah, Saul

The Aviary: Max, Jake