

Welcome

We welcome you to the first newsletter of the spring term, although sadly we have been unable to welcome all of you all back to school. We have welcomed some children back into the school and we are so proud of how well they are settling and adapting to yet more changes. We are planning ahead as much as we can but responding daily to changing guidance as it is provided. We will continue to maintain regular contact with you in various forms to ensure it reaches as many of you as possible. If you have not already, please like our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#). The most important thing is that we all stay safe and remain positive and connected at this difficult time.



It is again time for us all to adapt to a different 'normal' and for many of us this will involve home learning. It can be daunting for parents and even us teacher parents who have experienced this first hand will be aware of the struggle it can be at times! We all have different lives and managing home learning will be an experience unique to our own lives and families. We are in this together as a school and as a

community and we can all only do our best. It is wonderful to see all of the home learning going on and being shared through Google Classroom, however please do not let this be an additional stress factor in an already stressful time. We are listening to your feedback on home learning and working tirelessly to overcome the barriers that some of you are facing, looking at ways of making this easier for you at home. Please see our [Home Learning Information](#) page on our school website where we are adding guides and videos to support with some of the issues you are feeding back. Please keep communicating with us and thank you for your ongoing support.

Times Tables Achievements – Wow, just look at our Rock Hero status list! There are all the children that are able to recall their times tables in under one second per question!!!

Rock Hero Status		Most Active Classes
Henry S Oscar W Charlotte S Kenny C Charlotte S Alfie B Neo J Riley M Marley R Kai C Layton P Jacob L Abi B Johan P Haydn D Finley O Lily L		1 st – Rowan 2 nd – Hawthorn 3 rd – Holly

Contacting the school office

We are experiencing a high level of calls and emails to the office and are doing our very best to get back to you as soon as we can. We thank you all for your patience at this time and also for the positive feedback and support that we have received.

Free School Meals

Many families are sadly reaching crisis point financially due to COVID-19. If your financial circumstances have changed you may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow the link below and complete the [online form](#).

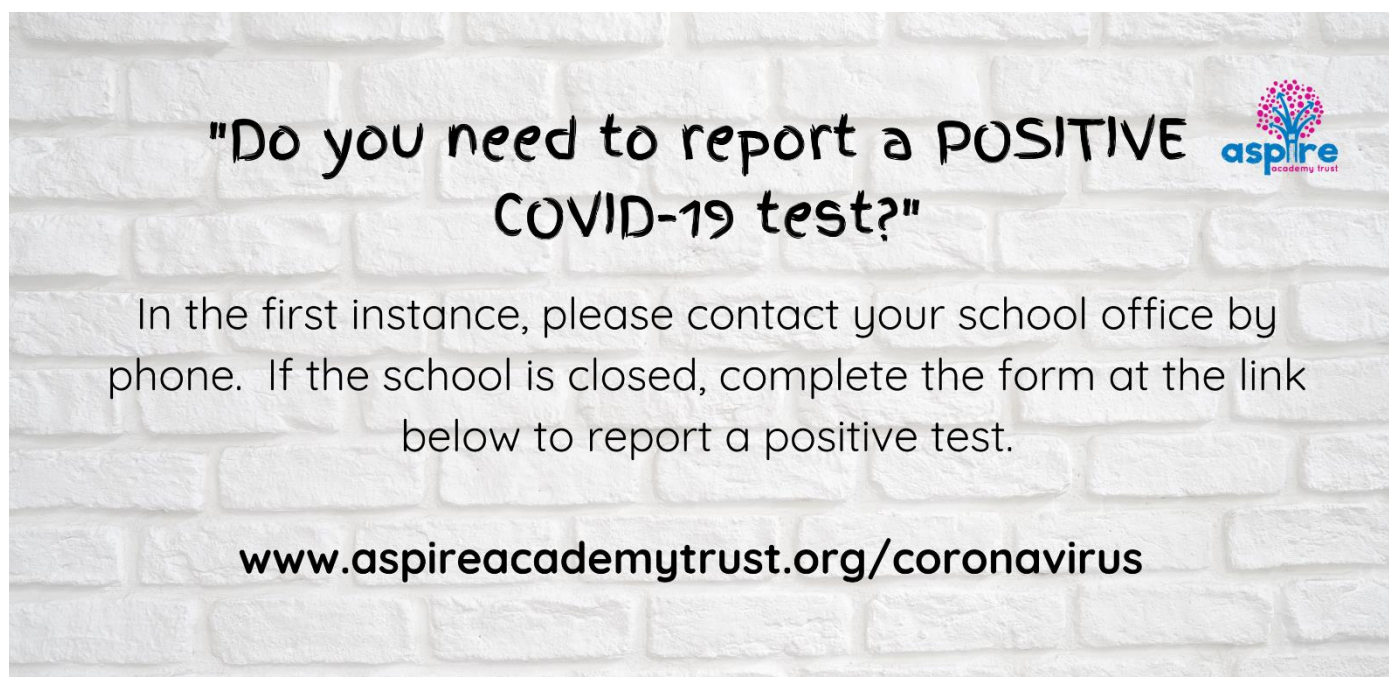
The Local Authority is not currently accepting applications in hard copy by post. If you are unable to apply online, please call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298 and a member of the team will call you back to complete the application over the phone. Please make sure your phone will accept calls from a private / withheld number.

Keyworkers


We strongly advise that parents/carers DO NOT use a critical worker place if there is another adult at home, even if you are entitled to. The national lockdown is intended to minimise community transmission. It will not do this if parents send their children to school just because they can.

Critical worker provision is ONLY for parents who have NO OTHER CHILDCARE OPTION. Using this provision if another option is available will mean that someone who is in need may be struggling to provide care for their child. It also means it will take longer for us to come out of lockdown, as transmission will be higher than it needs to be.

Parents are asked to consider others and ONLY use their local school service if it is imperative to do so.



**"Do you need to report a POSITIVE
COVID-19 test?"**



In the first instance, please contact your school office by phone. If the school is closed, complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus

Stay Safe Everyone