



9/03/21

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to finally meet all of the children- and a few more of the parents - today.

Thank you again to all of you for your amazing efforts in supporting your children's learning at home- we do appreciate that it has been tough juggling the competing demands of children of different ages, work and home schooling.

Although it feels like we may have turned a corner in the pandemic, it's important to remember that we still need to follow all of the guidance. Schools have opened more widely- but all of the other national lockdown restrictions remain in place until the impact of opening schools is clearer.

All families with children in primary schools can now access home testing kits to support keeping schools open.

There are details below of how to access the kits.

Home testing

All families, childcare or support bubbles of primary age children can now access home test kits.

Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time.

Collect test kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Order home test kits online

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

What twice-weekly testing involves

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test

[Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.

Covid Recovery Curriculum

In order to help the children move forward with their learning as quickly as possible after such a long time out of school, we have employed an additional part-time member of staff for the summer term. A very warm welcome to Miss Harper who will be working with groups of children across the school after Easter. Miss Harper has visited the school this morning and I know she is looking forward to getting to know the children properly soon. In school, much of the learning in literacy will be based around high quality texts.

Class 1 are currently finding out about 'Flight'. They have been reading a book called 'George Flies South' and then will be basing lots of their learning around an amazing book called 'Egg Drop' during the week before Easter- as well as using 'Lost Words' which is a beautiful book about the natural world. Class 2 are basing much of their literacy work around Kensuke's Kingdom for the next few weeks- a fantastic choice. They will also be carrying on with their exciting topic about 'Endangered Animals'.

In addition, we have increased our PE provision over the next few weeks.

Magpie Sports will be providing the PE on a Tuesday - and the children had a great first session this morning.

Tynedale Sports will continue to provide PE sessions on a Friday.

Please could the children come to school in their PE kits on Tuesdays and Fridays. They also need their water bottles in school every day.

School lunches

We are serving hot school lunches each day cooked by Mrs McConnell.

There is a menu attached.

We are currently on Week 1.

Contacting School

We are always keen to hear from you. However, please could I ask that if you have a query or a concern of any kind that you ring school in the first instance?

Staff don't always manage to check Class Dojo before school or in the evenings and so we are in danger of missing important messages.

Thank you.

Parking

Please could I request that parents don't park on the yellow lines outside of school and avoid turning in the school gateway at busy times of the day.

Thank you.

Free School Meals

If you think you may now be eligible for free school meals, please do apply as the school gains additional funding to support your child.

There is a link here to the free school meals application form:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx#freeschoolmeals>

There is further information on our website here:

www.greenhaughprimaryschool.co.uk in Parents / School Meals

And finally:

We will be keeping all of our arrangements under review over the next few weeks.

If you have any question or concerns, please do get in touch.

Jo Trotter (Interim Headteacher)

