

21/9/20

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now into our 4th week back at school and we have all settled into the new ways of working. Your children are fabulous, working hard and demonstrating everyday how resilient they can be!

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19): Symptoms, Testing and Self-Isolation Advice to Parents

Some of the symptoms related to COVID-19 are similar to those where a pupil may have a cold or other minor ailment. If a pupil presents themselves at school with a minor ailment, for example a headache or runny nose, then it is appropriate that this is dealt with in school and the child returns to class if they are fit to do so. If a child displays COVID-19 related symptoms then we will follow the procedures outlined by the department for education to send the child home for parents to make decisions. It is important that a distinction is made between COVID-19 symptoms and common childhood ailments and this is where the challenge comes in. As a school we are not medical professionals so will always direct this decision making to you as parents.

We strongly advise that you regularly visit the relevant Government guidance websites to ensure that you have the most up to date information. In particular please see 'Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (Covid19) infection' which can be accessed via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You may find this link helpful in understanding what schools have to do if children get Coronavirus.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51643556>

Symptoms to look out for

Anyone displaying the following symptoms should stay at home and must not enter the school premises:

- **A high temperature – being hot to the touch on your chest or back**
- **A new, continuous cough – coughing for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual**
- **A loss of, or change to, a person's sense of smell or taste – losing your sense of smell or taste, or things smell or taste different**

We advise that everyone remains vigilant for the above symptoms and avoids exposure to anyone who is displaying these symptoms.

It is important that everyone in our school community does what they can to help reduce the spread of coronavirus to protect themselves and others. Please remember that it is possible to spread coronavirus even if symptoms are not present. Please ensure you and others in your household consider the following actions whenever possible:

- **Staying at least two metres from others, except for people in the same household and/or 'support bubble'**
- **Washing hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing**
- **Using hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available**
- **Washing hands upon arrival and departure from the school and home**
- **Using a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes**
- **Throwing used tissues in the bin immediately**
- **Avoiding contact with the mouth, eyes and nose with unclean hands**
- **Wearing PPE where necessary, e.g. wearing face masks on public transport and the school playground**
- **Everyone must follow the new rules and guidance on meeting up.**

Getting tested

You and your children can get tested for coronavirus via self-referral if they are displaying symptoms. Your child must not come to school if they need to self-isolate. You need to get the test done in the first five days of having symptoms. You must notify the school of the result of your child's test as soon as possible.

Contacting the school

You will need to contact the school as soon as possible in the following circumstances:

- With information that you or someone in your household is showing COVID-19 symptoms of coronavirus and cannot attend, where necessary
- With the results of any relevant coronavirus tests
- With concerns or queries

2. Parent Consultations

We know that it is vital that you are kept informed of your child's progress in school and have the opportunity to discuss information you have that may impact on this.

Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to host this face to face in school but would like to give you an opportunity to talk to your child class teacher on the phone this term. Each child's teacher will be made available between 1pm-5pm over the next few weeks and you will be able to sign up for a 5-minute telephone consultation using Parentmail, via the Parents' Evening tab.

For your diaries the dates will be:

Date and Time	Class and teacher
Thursday 1 st October 1pm-5pm	3MB (Mrs Bitri and Mrs Milan)
Friday 2 nd October 1pm-5pm	4A (Mrs Ayantoye)
Monday 5 th October 1pm-5pm	4D (Miss Duncan)
	3G (Miss Gale)
Thursday 8 th October 1pm-5pm	5RM (Mrs Roberts and Mrs Mewett)
	6W (Mrs Wallace and Miss Mitchell)
Friday 9 th October 1pm-5pm	3S (Mr Spencer)
Monday 12 th October 1pm-5pm	4C (Miss Chidlow)
	6J (Miss Judd)
Tuesday 13 th October 1pm-5pm	6WL (Mrs Watton-Lawrence)
	5S (Mr Sellers)
Thursday 15 th October 1pm-5pm	5J (Mrs Jewell)

Please watch out for sign up details that will be sent directly to you from Parentmail.

Digital Learning:

I am delighted to share with you that as we continue to develop the digital learning in our school. We will be using Seesaw (<http://seesaw.me>), a secure online journal where pupils add learning (including photos, videos, worksheets, drawings and voice recordings) and we can share them privately with you and other family members to view and comment on throughout the school year.

Our plan for implementing Seesaw:

Date	Action	Impact
October 2020	Seesaw will be used to set and mark weekly homework.	This will avoid any books or paper passing to and from school. This will support parents and pupils to learn how to use this app at home
October 2020	Seesaw will be used by pupils in their computing lesson as a learning journal.	This will develop pupils' skills in using this platform competently
November 2020	Pupils will use this platform in a class lesson weekly	This will develop pupils' skills in using this platform competently
January 2020	Further lessons and tasks in school will be completed on Seesaw	This will develop pupil's ability to record their learning digitally.

From October, we will be able to use Seesaw to set work for any pupils who need to self isolate as well as in the event of a bubble or whole school closure.

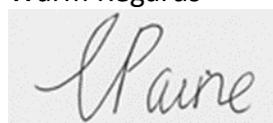
A letter will be sent home containing log in details next week.

Reminder:

The school gate now shuts promptly at 8:50am. Failure to arrive on time prevent your child receiving their full curriculum entitlement. It will be given a late mark that could end up resulting in a fixed penalty notice if this is happening frequently. It also causes the school a great deal of inconvenience and impacts on the workload of office staff.

Thank you again for all the support you have given to help us to settle you children back into full time education safely.

Warm Regards



Mrs Paine