



Newsletter 5th March 2021

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With love we grow!

“Dear young people, may you always live the faith with enthusiasm.” - Pope Francis

Thank you - For most of you, today is the last day for home learning. I am sure parents have learnt a lot too during this process. The support, enthusiasm, patience and total resilience that parents, staff and most importantly the children have shown during what we hope will be our last lockdown has been incredible and we cannot wait to have the children all together again in school on Monday.

Changes to our communications system - We are migrating away from 'Teachers to Parents' over the coming months. Emails will now be sent out via School Spider (our website provider). If you have not already done so, please download their App for free on your phone/tablet available from Google Play or the App Store. In order to ensure you receive communications, it is imperative that you download this; the App will also be used for surveys, polls and parents' evening bookings.



Changes to Catering Arrangements - please see email sent home previously. Parents will now be booking children's meals online via "schoolmoney" from home after half term. Once you have read the email and guidance, or if you have any problems accessing their website/app, please contact the school office.

Returning to school - Please can ALL loaned devices be returned to the school office on Monday and all reading books be returned to class with your child/ren? All children are expected to attend school as usual on Monday wearing **school uniform**. PE clothes must be worn on the days that your child has PE in school. Your class teacher will advise when these days are.

Reminder of the one way system for accessing and egressing school.

Class	Start Time	<u>Finish Time</u>	<u>Arrival Gate</u>	<u>Departure gate</u>
EYFS	Staggered start between 8.45- 9am	3:05pm	Small gate off Rothwell Road	Gate onto staff car park
KS1		3:10pm	Single gate onto KS1 playground	Double gate onto Rothwell Rd
Yrs 3 & 4		3:15pm	Staff Room Gate	Gate onto staff car park
Yrs 5 & 6		3:15pm	Gate at the back of school	Gate at the back of school

Please can we remind parents to socially distance and that masks are requested to be worn by adults when on school grounds.

Covid Information - Please remember, we still need to be vigilant to prevent the spread of Covid-19. If your child or any member of your household shows symptoms of Covid-19 or tests positive for Covid-19 you need to tell school, isolate and get a Covid test.

Information from Department for Education

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests. Please note test kits are not available from schools.
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Travelling to School Safely

How pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
- wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
- social distance where possible
- wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

Further information can be found in our [guidance on transport to school and other places of education](#). The Department for Transport has also created [resources](#) that can be downloaded and used by education settings to promote safe travel to school.

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