



Headteacher's Message

Thank you very much for your continued support with our drop off and collection arrangements. We have got a great deal swifter so most people have a shorter wait time. In recognition of this difficult time I have extended the official time for lateness to 9.20am. However we have two sticking points: Diamond Class parents are waiting a bit too long. Please can we politely ask that you leave as soon as your child is through the gate. Gold Class collection; please can we ask that Gold Class parents move forward, closer to the staff entrance to make this safer for your child.

Today we are sending a flow chart to help you distinguish between a common cold and covid-19 symptoms. We understand it is a very difficult decision to decide between the two conditions and ask you to take a sensible parent response. As a parent you will know if your child has a head cold that is making them cough and that might mean a day on the sofa and then back to school. If however the cough is continuous and persistent over 24 hours, then we ask that you do get a Covid-19 test. Please be reassured if we are concerned in school we will contact you and share our concerns.

Today we are sending home some resources as part of preparation in case we have to close to some or all children. There is more information later in the newsletter but please keep these safe. We are hoping to provide further advice over the next half term.

Next week we will be sending parents who are Critical Workers confirmation of a place in school if we have a national lockdown. For a very few number of parents we are seeking further clarification. Please don't be offended if you receive this letter but I have found it very challenging to work out how some of the companies listed meet the specifications on the government list and am just seeking further information from you to enable me to manage this situation effectively and fairly.

I hope you enjoy the last of the summer sun and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher



Little Stars!

This fortnight we are celebrating the achievements of the following children who have received a Headteacher's Award for exceptional work and wonderful behaviour or attitude to learning. These children will be bringing their certificates home today:

- Mia B
- Orson C
- Zahra H
- Isabella P
- Matthew B
- Reuben B
- James C
- Tommy C

A very well done to these children!

Taking a child's temperature in school

Please be aware that our school Risk Assessment has been updated to reflect the current guidelines.

The only new point is that the school will take the temperature of a child who is feeling unwell at school, using an infrared thermometer that does not touch the body.

Every use of the infrared thermometer will be recorded in a book and the parent can ask for the temperature recorded.

Face Shields and Masks

Please don't be alarmed, but staff will be wearing face shields from Monday to collect and return your children.

With the increase in the number of Covid-19 sufferers, we are now encouraging face masks, covering the mouth and nose to be worn by parents when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Priority post boxes

There is a link on the royal mail website to identify priority post boxes in the area. The closest one to school is outside the One Stop on Ash Street. You can post your Covid-19 home test via these boxes.

School Lunches

Week commencing 21st September we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

REMINDERS

Packed lunches

Just to remind all parents that if they are providing their child with a packed lunch, it must not contain nuts or any chocolate spreads, such as Nutella.

Packed lunches should be as healthy as possible and not include any drinks other than water and no chocolate or sweets.

Please ensure that you notify the school office if you are providing your child with a packed lunch and they would normally have a school dinner on that day.

Road Safety

We have been notified of a couple of incidents where children from our school have been involved in near misses with traffic on the main road outside the school.

In order to instil good road safety sense in our children, please could we ask that all parents use the crossing opposite our school when crossing the main road, when coming and going home from school.

Some cars drive far too fast down this road and we would hate for anyone to be injured.

Also if your child is coming to school by bike or on a scooter we would recommend that they are wearing a well fitting helmet.

Individual school photographs

We plan to have the school photographer in school on Monday 16th November to take individual photographs of all children with signed photo permission.

For this year only, we have made the decision with the Junior school not to allow sibling photographs on either school site, this includes siblings within the same school.

Accessing the school office

The school office reception area is a very small space. If you do need to come to the office please check that the area is clear before you enter. We cannot have more than one family or individual in the office reception at a time. We ask you to be patient and wait outside until the area is clear.

If you are returning forms or other paperwork the letter box on the outside door and the internal safe box are checked daily.

Curriculum Maps

We are sending home curriculum maps today. Please check your child's book bag.

Many parents requested letter and number formation templates so we have included these. Years 1 and 2 will also get a list of tricky words for the year ahead.

These templates are for you to keep for reference, especially if we need to start home learning. Please keep them safe.

Back-packs

A reminder that we cannot have back-packs in school as space on the coat pegs is very limited. A back-pack will only be allowed for a very specific reason and with prior agreement by the school.

PE Kits

PE Kits will be sent home at the end of the half term to be washed. We know this rule is different from the Junior School however our children don't sweat so much and all PE is generally on a clean surface. Please ensure you return your child's PE kit to school on the first day back after the half term holiday.

Before school

Please can we remind you keep your children close to you whilst waiting before school and to maintain social distancing. Other people's level of concern at this time may differ from yours.

Also, we would ask that you encourage your children to wait calmly for school to open and do not swing on the gate or the tree.

Dogs on Site

Please can we request that dogs are not brought to school as it is upsetting some children and parents, the space is limited and dogs can become unsettled.

Important Coronavirus Information

Coronavirus Track and Trace Privacy Notice

Responding to the Coronavirus advice from the Government is an obligation on all schools in England. The development of the NHS 'Track and Trace' scheme is a key part of the government plan to manage Coronavirus. As more pupils are returning to our schools, the safety and wellbeing of pupils, staff and their families is a priority. Planning to manage a safe return is in place, however our responsibility extends beyond the school gates.

We hold a lot of data, and it may be necessary for us to share that data on request from NHS Track and Trace workers. We will do this and will play our part in making this process as effective as possible. It is likely that we will be asked to provide contact details if a case of Coronavirus or a suspected case arises in our school. There is an obligation to support the government planning. We will provide details as requested to do this.

We will be sharing data on the basis that this is a Public Duty (see below) and that in the case of any health data it is necessary for the public interest, as set out.

Please be assured that we will keep a record of information that we share.

This Privacy Notice should be read in alongside the other GDPR and Data Protection information on our website.

NHS Test and Trace and the law

The law on protecting personally identifiable information, known as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), allows Public Health England to use the personal information collected by NHS Test and Trace.

The section of the GDPR that applies is:

Article 6(1)(e) 'processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller'

As information about health is a special category of personal information, a further section of the GDPR applies:

Article 9(2)(i) 'processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of quality and safety of healthcare'

Public Health England also has special permission from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to use personally identifiable information without people's consent where this is in the public interest. This is known as 'Section 251' approval and includes the use of the information collected by NHS Test and Trace to help protect the public from coronavirus. The part of the law that applies here is Section 251 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the associated Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002.

Test and Trace

Schools are in a very difficult situation. The tracing process of 'Test and Trace' is made more difficult as schools are public authorities. They have a legal duty to protect and promote the welfare of pupils and a duty of care to staff. It is hoped that additional government guidance will be provided for schools.

As a private individual, compliance with the scheme is optional, you cannot at the present time be forced to provide details. As a school it is more complicated.

If a person in a school has Covid or symptoms they will be sent home as will other people in school who have had contact and who may be at risk.

In school it would be most unusual for any one person to know the details of everyone else who may be affected. It is only the school that will have that data. We would notify individuals about a risk, and in many instances that will be sufficient.

However, the Department of Education Guidance goes on to say 'As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the child or young person's cohort or in the wider education or childcare setting, Public Health England's local Health Protection Teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take.'

So in this situation it is not a matter of giving consent to share data, there is a Public Duty to do so. As a school we will co-operate with such requests. Schools are under an obligation to share data. At no point we will we share data without a sound legal basis, but please be aware that we will share data where necessary.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term	
9th October	In school Harvest Festival Assembly (no parents)	
23rd October	Break up for Half Term Holiday 26/10/20—30/10/20	Full school day, finish normal time
2nd November	Inset Day - school closed to children	
11th November	In school Remembrance Assembly (no parents)	
13th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school (more information to follow)	
16th November	Individual School Photos (for those who have given consent)	
18th December	End of Autumn Term—early finish	approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)
15th January 2021	Deadline for receipt of Reception and Year 3 applications for September 2021	

Inset Days 2020/21: 2nd November 2020

(three more inset days still to be confirmed)