

Welford on Avon Primary School

11th September, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely week.

We have started to get used to the new school routines and it is important to mention that while we are fully open, staying open will depend on our school community understanding, accepting and following procedures.

The next few months will be very challenging and without everyone's full cooperation, the school will be at risk of various levels of lockdown.

By working together, we can reduce the risk of coronavirus stopping the operational day to day running of the school.

Our aim is to continue to provide a high quality education during this academic year whether it is face to face or remote.

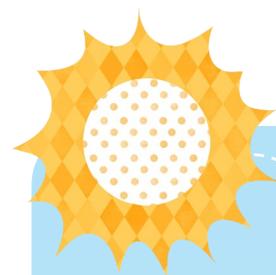
Guidelines

Since March, we have been working very closely with Warwickshire LA and the Local Health Team who have issued clear guidance to help keep our schools stay safe and reduce the risks of the spread of coronavirus in our school community.

Please read the information below from the NHS website.

To help keep your child and fellow pupils safe, your child should not come to school if:

- They are feeling unwell or are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms (If in doubt, book a test. If positive, isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms)
- They have tested positive for coronavirus and are within the 10-day isolation period
- They are sharing a household or support bubble with someone with symptoms (person with symptoms to be tested, if negative can return to usual activities; if positive, you must isolate for 14 days from last contact)
- They have been advised by the NHS test and trace service to self-isolate or aware they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (isolate for 14 days from last contact)
- They have returned from abroad and Government guidance states they need to quarantine for 14 days



Newsletter No. 2

Symptoms of coronavirus in children (From the NHS Website)

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

a high temperature

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has any of the symptoms above (they may be mild)

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

There are more details on the NHS websites

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Symptoms in children can be very mild and at the start of a term we will have other sickness in school which appear as symptoms but turns out not to be coronavirus. This makes the decisions as to what to do very difficult. I am confident that over the next few months we will start to get more comfortable with what we have to deal with and the actions we need to take.

Please follow the above for guidance and if you have any concerns please contact the school or go online and follow the NHS procedures. We have the added difficulty, that testing is very difficult at the moment (or impossible) but hopefully the glitches in the system will be resolved in the next week or so.

We really want children to remain in school and if the above procedures are followed, we stand the best chance of not interrupting the education process. Children and staff may develop symptoms and require testing. They may need to isolate for a few days while waiting for results but during this time they can access their learning through Teams or join the classroom remotely.

If a test comes back negative then once they are well they can return to school.

If a test is positive we will contact the Local Health Team for further guidance.

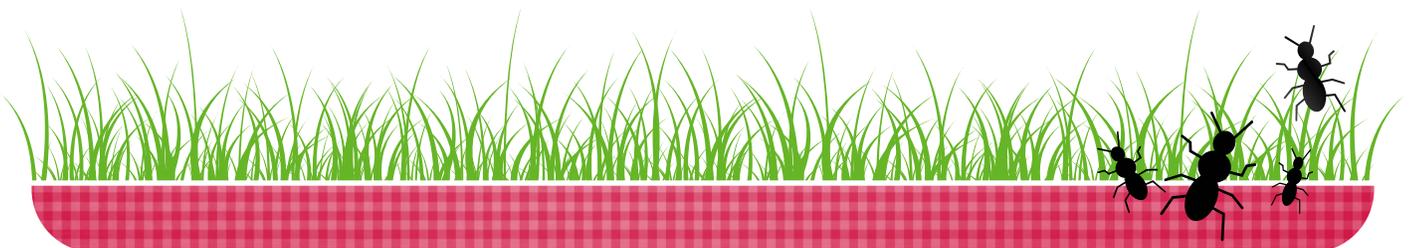
What will happen when we have a confirmed case.

In the event of a positive result in the school, we will contact the local health team for clear guidance and advice. The school will need to self-isolate all the children and adults who are close contacts of the child.

I hope this information will be helpful when your child becomes ill. If we all take responsibility then we should be able to manage this situation more effectively.

Absence

Please phone the school office after gam if your child is going to be absent. This is now the official way of reporting an absence. Do not pass messages on to the teachers.



Parent Induction Evening Monday 14th September 3.45pm -5.30pm

An Induction Meeting for all parents from Nursery to Year 6 will take place on Monday. Due to COVID restrictions the meeting this year will take place remotely via Zoom. You will receive a letter today about how to join the meeting.

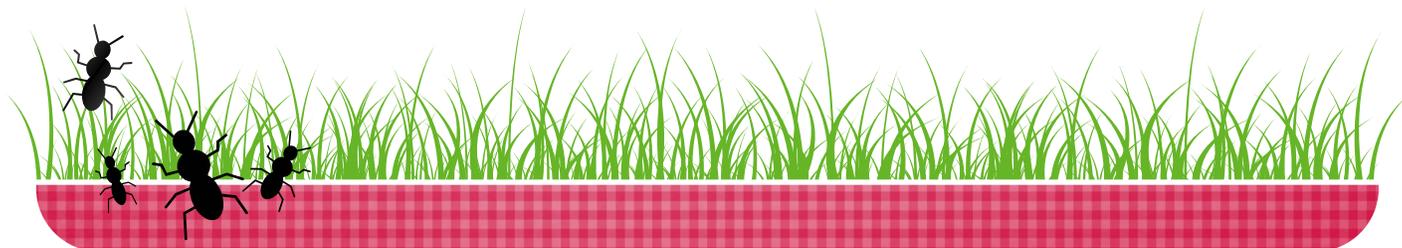
This is a very important meeting to attend as it will give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, hear about their new working environment and some of the resources they will be using. Your child's teacher will talk about the programme of study and how we can work together to ensure the best outcomes.

Each teacher will deliver a talk twice over the course of the evening so that you can join all your children's meetings. The school looks forward to welcoming all parents to these remote meetings. In our experience, children are most successful when we all work in partnership with each other. With restrictions all around us in school, this is more important than ever. As parents, you are a big part of their educational journey and it is vital you understand how they learn and your role as parents particularly in the current climate.

Year Group	Meeting Time	
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Nursery	3.45pm-4.15pm	4.30pm-5.00pm
Reception	4.00pm-4.30pm	4.45pm-5.15pm
Year 1	4.15pm-4.45pm	5.00pm-5.30pm
Year 2	3.45pm-4.15pm	4.30pm-5.00pm
Year 3	4.00pm-4.30pm	4.45pm-5.15pm
Year 4	3.45pm-4.15pm	4.30pm-5.00pm
Year 5	4.00pm-4.30pm	4.45pm-5.15pm
Year 6	4.15pm-4.45pm	5.00pm-5.30pm

STAR After School Club

We are operating in class bubbles in line with Government guidelines. Mrs Dyson, our Star Club manager has sent out details about new procedures. Breakfast club for Nursery to Year 1 is located in the new Nursery with In Shape for school operating from the new school hall. Star Club is now in its permanent new home in the new school hall.



After School Clubs

Drama club will commence week beginning Monday 21st September. Details about how to sign up are being sent out separately. This is a very popular club and the spaces are limited so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

Drama Club	Year Group	Time
Monday	Year 3	3.15-4.00pm
Monday	Year 5	4.15pm-5.00pm

Drama Club	Year Group	Time
Wednesday	Year 4	3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 6	4.15pm-5.00pm

After School Procedures

Your child will be asked just after registration where they are going at the end of the school day. It is important that your child knows this information so that the staff can ensure that they can be dismissed to the correct club and is a back up to our club registers. If your child is registered to attend a club and is not attending a session please let the office know. Please ensure that if your child uses the school bus in the afternoon, that bus reply slips are returned on Monday morning and that your child is told to hand them in to the class teacher.

Walking Home

Please remember KS2 children will only be permitted to walk home or walk to your car if you provide a letter. We ask parents to carefully risk assess the walk and make sure that there is always someone there to meet them. We strongly discourage your child walking alone when the evenings become darker.

Parents Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening in early October this year as we would like to discuss how your child has settled in. Parents evening will take place on :

Monday 12th October from 3.30pm-6.00pm and
Tuesday 13th October from 3.30pm -6.00pm

You can book using our online system from Monday 21st September. The meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform.

As with our induction evening, we strongly encourage all parents to attend.

Assemblies

Please see the timetable for assemblies this half term. There is also a copy on the website. As with all gatherings this term, our assemblies will be remote. Children will stay in their classrooms and watch the assembly remotely. If your child is involved in the assembly then you will receive an invitation to attend and hopefully the technology will behave and you will be able to join us.

Learning Assemblies 9am Autumn 2020 First Half Term (All Remote Assemblies through Teams)	
Thursday 17 th September	Year 2 and Year 5 Davenport
Thursday 24 th September	Year 5 and Year 6 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 1 st October	Reception Harvest Assembly
Thursday 8 th October	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 15 th October	Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 3 and Year 6 Higgs
Thursday 5 th November	Reception Wright Assembly
Thursday 12 th November	Year 1 and Year 4 Davenport
Thursday 19 th November	Year 3 and Year 6 Wright
Thursday 26 th November	Year 2 and Year 5 Owen
Thursday 3 rd December	Reception Higgs Assembly
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas KS2 Online Assembly
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Reception and KS1 Online Assembly

Parking

Parents are reminded that you must not park on or opposite the zig zags at any time during the school day including clubs. Please do not park across or block driveways or on road junctions. **We run an unofficial one-way system so that all cars drive in from Barton Road and leave via the church and ask that parents drive at 10mph.** Your cooperation will ensure greater safety for all coming to and leaving school.

House Captains

House	House Captain	Vice- Captain
Owen House	Charlotte	Remy
	Alexander O	Ella
Higgs House	Albee	Harry
	Annie	
Davenport	Darcey	Millie
	Archie	Joel
Wright	Isaac	Shay
	Poppy	Dalia

Our new house and Vice captains were voted in at our remote assembly yesterday. Congratulations to all of you and I hope you enjoy your role as heads of your house.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Leeman and Staff

You must not send your child to school if they or anyone in your household displays symptoms connected to COVID19. If they are sick in any way, please do not send them to school as this could affect our staffing levels.

The SLT reserve the right to send any child home if they show signs of illness. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please refer to the school guidelines for further information.

Useful Websites

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>