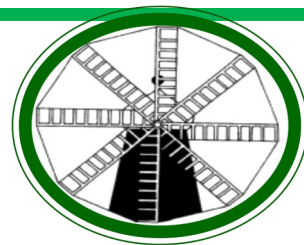


Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



10th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all proud of how well the children have settled into their new school routines; they are getting used to the enhanced hygiene procedures and to staying in their class bubbles during playtimes and lunchtimes. We are using a mixture of hand washing and hand sanitizer during the day as well as the cleaning of equipment and high touch points during the school day to ensure that we can keep the children as safe as possible.

Thank you for your continued support in our new procedures and for following our one-way system at the start and end of the school day. We have, however, noticed that a small minority of parents are leaving via the playing field gate at the end of the day and we would ask that, in order to keep our whole school community safe that you leave by following the one-way system. Could I please also remind you to just be mindful of pedestrians along the road up to the Pavilion when you are arriving or leaving in a car?

The children are all getting into the new routines of wearing their PE kit to school on their PE day but they do need to wear their usual school PE uniform. They may wear jogging trousers if they would like to and we would encourage this as the weather turns colder and we would ask you to ensure that they are not wearing football tops in place of their PE tops.

Coming home today via Seesaw or Tapestry for Reception class, is a "meet and greet" presentation with all the information you need to know from your child's class teacher. We would ask that you take the time to familiarise yourselves with the information contained in these presentations.

Homework will also be starting from today, from Year 1 upwards, your child's class teacher will be setting this via Seesaw. We have decided to use Seesaw so that we are minimising what is going to and from school each week and, as such, we would ask that where possible, you complete the homework on Seesaw. However, if you are really struggling, and require a paper copy of any homework set, then please send a message to your child's class teacher and we can sort this out for you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bentley
Headteacher

Lincolnshire Music Service

Music lessons are due to start
w/c 21st September.

Please see the letter sent out on parent hub today with details on how to book online. A hard copy can be requested at the office.



Dates for your diary

18/09/2020 11 + verbal reasoning

25/09/2020 MacMillan Coffee afternoon
(children only in classrooms)

25/09/2020 11+ Non verbal reasoning

02/10/2020 Harvest Festival
(children only to be held in school)

22/10/2020 Last day of term

Woodside at the Pavilion

To book wrap around care, please contact Woodside:

Email: enquiries@woodsidechildren.co.uk

Tel(01529) 307500 or 07788 455655

We thought it would be useful to provide clarification on what to do if a member of your household presents with Covid-19 symptoms.

We participated in the Department of Education Schools Testing Webinar and are signposting to you the following links. **You must inform us the moment that you suspect symptoms**, in order for us to complete our COVID tracking grid.

Book a test: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

How to test your child for coronavirus at home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xaw8DsF2lgc&safe=active>

Priority Mail Boxes: [https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you#/#/](https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you#/)

Currently our protocols are as follows:

- If your child presents with loss of taste or smell, new or continuous cough or temperature, you must organise a test for the child and the rest of your household should self-isolate until the results of the test are known.
- If the result is negative, then the whole family can return to school/work.
- If the result is positive, then the child must self-isolate for 10 days and the rest of the household 14 days, from the date that the child became symptomatic.
- If a member of your household presents with symptoms, then your child and all other household members should self-isolate pending the results of the household member's test and then act accordingly (see above).
- If your child has a **temperature** please arrange a test. If the result is negative your child may return to school once the temperature has returned to normal (high temperature reading is from 37.8 or greater), as we would ordinarily send any child home with a temperature. All members of your household should self-isolate until the results of the test are known.
- If your child has a **cough**, "and is coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than normal)" - NHS Coronavirus symptoms definition, that meets this criteria, then your child must have a test and the other members of your household must self-isolate pending the results of the test and then act accordingly (see above). If other members of your household become symptomatic with this level of cough, then the rest of your household must self-isolate.
- If your child experiences a **loss of taste or smell** "this means your child cannot taste or smell anything, or things smell or taste different to normal" (NHS definition) which meets this criteria, then your child must have a test and other members of your household must self-isolate pending the results of the test and then act accordingly (see above).
- If your child has a cold without a temperature, and is fine in themselves, then they should continue to come to school.
- If your child's test result is negative, but they are still unwell, please continue to keep them off school as you would normally.

If in any doubt, please call the school office for further advice. Should our protocols change due to government guidance, we will contact you again.