



Autumn Term 11/09/20

Head Teacher Newsletter



Happy Safe Aspirations

Welcome back

As we reach the end of our first full week back in school for all children I would like to say a huge thank you to parents for their sensible and measured approach to the changes we have made in school due to Covid 19. There have been some small teething issues with some of the arrangements but on the whole you have worked with us to make sure the systems that we have put in place to keep the children, staff and families safe have been successful.

The risk assessment is on the website and is updated regularly to reflect procedures that we follow in school.



Playground safety

The majority of parents are making sure that they use the school grounds safely when they drop off and pick up their children. This is fantastic as it means that I have not had to ask parents to wear face coverings whilst on the school site, nor have I had to ban any parents from the school site for not sticking to our new rules. There are schools in Cheshire East that have had to do both of the above. As long as all parents remember the following we will not have to put these measures in place:

- **Only come onto the school grounds at the time you have been given**
- **Make sure you have left the school grounds within 10 minutes of the time you have been given**
- **Stay at least 2m away from other parents while on the school grounds**
- **DO NOT hang around outside the school gates to talk to other parents once you have dropped your child off at school**

Symptoms of C19

Another huge thank you goes out to all of the families who have either telephoned school to say they are keeping their children off school as they have developed symptoms at home, or to those who we have had to telephone to say that they have developed symptoms in school.

Beyond emergency first aid, we are not medically trained and we have to follow the government advice rigidly when it comes to children displaying symptoms. The following is copied directly from the nhs website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/#symptoms> :

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – *this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- **a new, continuous cough** – *this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – *this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Getting a test for Covid19

We understand the difficulties that some families have had getting themselves or their children tested once they have displayed symptoms. It is really important that you keep trying to get a test because even if the symptoms disappear, if you have **not had a negative test result** WE CAN NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD BACK IN SCHOOL FOR 10 DAYS.

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What to do if you have symptoms

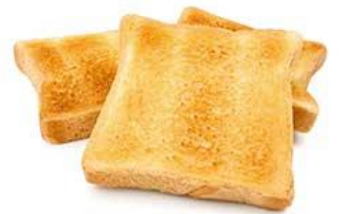
If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- 1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.*
- 2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your 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 your result.

Breakfast club

We have been using the new cashless system this week for breakfast club and I think that it is now working for most families that need it. Any families who are having difficulty with the app should contact school so that we can help them. We are going to have to change our pricing slightly to make sure that we cover any costs associated with this club. All children will now be charged at £3 for use of the breakfast club. This is to cover staffing costs and regardless of whether children eat any food while they are there. The children need to be booked in through the Arbor App and the club should be paid for in advance.



We appreciate that as we cannot allow parents into the school building, that there may be messages that need passing on another way. Please telephone or email the school with anything that you would like us to be made aware of. If you do not get a reply within a few days please try again as there are so many people messaging the office at the moment that some may be missed.

Stay safe

Mrs Whitehead ☺

Dates for your diary:

Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 26th October 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Tuesday 3rd November 2020
Friday 18th December 2020
Monday 4th January 2021

INSET day (children not in school)
Start of the half term holiday
INSET day (children not in school)
Children back in school
Last day of autumn term
Children back in school

