



Weekly Newsletter

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Food parcels for income-based Free School Meals (FSM) pupils that are self isolating

We have just been informed that, where children are not attending the school for reasons of self-isolation, food parcels are able to be provided by our catering provider, Taylor Shaw, for families of income based free school meals children. This is in line with the latest government guidance.

The boxes will be delivered to our school ready for collection, where possible, and the contents of the boxes follow the guidance provided by the Department for Education, Public Health England and Lead Association for Caterers in Education (LACA). They are designed to offer a provision for 5 days for each pupil eligible for income based free school meals.

There are two food boxes available - a Standard food box and a Medical Diet option. The Medical Diet option is suitable for gluten and dairy avoidance. More specific or complex dietary requirements cannot be catered for.

FSM Standard Food Parcel

Loaf of Bread	Small Tin Tuna
Baking Potatoes x 2	6 Eggs
Cucumber x 1	Block of Cheese
Tomatoes	Tin of Baked Beans
Tin of Sweetcorn	Natural Yogurt
5 Portions of Fruit (Satsuma, Apple x 2, Pear, Banana)	1 litre Semi skimmed Milk

FSM Medical Diet (Gluten and Dairy Avoidance) Food Parcel

Loaf of Gluten Free Bread	Small Tin Tuna
Baking Potatoes x 2	6 eggs
Cucumber x 1	Tin of Baked Beans
Tomatoes	Plain Yoghurt Alternative
Tin of Sweetcorn	1 litre Soya Long Life Drink
5 Portions of Fruit (Satsuma, Apple x 2, Pear, Banana)	

When a parent/carer makes school aware that their child is absent due to self-isolation, or if a 'bubble' of pupils needs to stay at home, food parcels can be ordered from the school office for each FSM pupil. Please inform office staff if you do or do not require a FSM food parcel when you inform us of your child's absence, including which box (Standard or Medical) you require. We will also discuss arrangements with you for someone to collect the food parcel for you from school.

School meals menus

This week is **Week 2** of the school meals menu. The dishes of the day are:

- Monday: Sausage and mash
- Tuesday: Cheese and tomato pizza
- Wednesday: Chicken dinner
- Thursday: Beef and onion pie
- Friday: Fish fingers and chips

Next week is **Week 3** of the school meals menu. The dishes of the day are:

- Monday: Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice
- Tuesday: Chicken curry
- Wednesday: Chicken dinner
- Thursday: Pasta Bolognese
- Friday: Fish fingers (not applicable next week as **Friday 23rd October is an Inset day—school is closed**)

* Every day the menu also includes jacket potatoes with cheese, tuna or beans, and cheese or ham sandwiches.

BBC Children in Need's brand new Primary school campaign - Five to Thrive!

'Five to Thrive' is our campaign based on the five ways to wellbeing, designed to get children feeling good and to raise money for children who need support .

We will deliver fun activities in school for Children in Need to help boost our students' wellbeing. The week finishes on Appeal Day, Friday 13th November, where we can join Joe Wickes for the 'Ultimate Feel Good Friday'! Children can turn up to school in anything non-uniform, and, if you are able to do so, make a donation to help others who are struggling. By joining in, you'll be helping thousands of children and local charities through the current crisis and beyond.



🌟 **Tapestry goes live!** 🌟

We have received the majority of permission slips from parents/carers so Tapestry is able to go live!!! If you have returned your permission slip, you will receive an activation email from Tapestry over the next few days, if you have not received one already. Please follow this link to activate your account and choose a username and password.

Once you have done this, your child's class teacher can start to upload photographs of learning and observations of your child etc. for you to view at home, and you can also post your own pictures of learning at home too for the teacher to view. Tapestry will be updated during school hours and is to celebrate and share learning and achievements. We will also use this as the main portal for remote learning and feedback should a child be well but need to isolate at home.

If you have not sent your permission back yet, please do so asap so we can set your child's account up so you do not miss out!

Children's Flu Immunisations—9th November

Some parents/carers have asked about the flu immunisation process. The immunisations are delivered by a company called IntraHealth, on behalf of the NHS. At some point during the flu season, the IntraHealth Immunisation team will send a unique internet link to our school. We will then distribute this link by email. When parents/carers follow the link, you will be directed to a secure web portal unique to our school. Following the link, you will be able to complete your child's details and submit a consent or non-consent form. This will then go directly to the immunisation team for review. **As soon as we receive the link, we will send it on to you.** If you are reading this newsletter on our website, please check that you are also receiving it as an email, as it is that email address that we will use to send you the link for your child's flu immunisation.

NURSERY NEWS

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please remember to send your child with a warm water-proof coat as our children love to play and learn outside, whatever the weather! Please name all items of clothing clearly so we can help return any lost items to their owner :-)

We would also be really grateful if you could help your child practice putting on and removing their coats independently—including zipping and unzipping.

Covid-19 update

Public Health England has designated Sheffield as an area of 'enhanced support'. This means we will be in receipt of additional help to prevent further spread of the virus in our city, with particular support given to mitigate infection rates amongst areas with higher case rates. Like you, we are awaiting more information from the government later on today and confirmation of what support will be implemented to try and keep Sheffield as safe as possible.

Director of Public Health at Sheffield City Council, Greg Fell, said:

"Sheffield is still very much in the grip of a pandemic. It is clear we are not out of the woods yet, and, as such, we need to keep playing our part to keep each other safe as the pandemic continues to have a presence in our communities. We are trying to balance the impact of a dangerous virus with getting back to some form of normality, but if we continue to see a rise in cases, we will be designated an area of intervention with far stricter measures in place."

"The virus is very easily transmitted and, as we have seen from earlier in the year, carries a significant mortality risk. This is why it is still important to go back to basics; to keep washing your hands, wearing a face covering, limiting social contact, and to isolate if you have Covid-19 symptoms."

"We welcome the decision to make Sheffield an area of enhanced support. This is all about support, not restrictions at this point in time."

"Thank you to everyone in the city who has been following advice on hand washing and social distancing, which has ensured that we do not have a serious, wider problem across our communities."

"If you are contacted by test and trace, please isolate for the stated period and get tested as soon as possible if you have symptoms. You will be playing a crucial part in keeping coronavirus under control."

Please help to limit the spread of the disease:

- Stay at home if you have symptoms, even if they are mild
- Keep your distance from others - 2 metres
- Wash your hands with soap and hot water regularly (or use anti bacterial hand gel if there is no access to soap and water)
- Wear a face covering in enclosed indoor spaces and where social distancing is difficult
- If you have symptoms, get a test
- If you are asked to isolate, you must stay at home

We continue to ask everyone to act responsibly on the school site to help protect everyone, for example by social distancing, wearing face covering, following our one way system, keeping your children with you on the yard, only one adult attending per family unit and strictly following NHS guidance if you or someone you live with shows symptoms.

Thank you for helping us as we try to keep our school community safe.

**Paula Bestall
Headteacher**

Coronavirus (COVID-19) absence

Self-isolation* is helping to stop the spread of coronavirus. Thank you for following this advice and playing your part.

A quick guide for parents/carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>... my child has Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms**</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to school Child must get a test Everyone who lives in the house must self-isolate* until you get the test result Tell the school immediately about test result 	<p>... If child's test is negative and when they have been symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>... my child tests positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to school Child must self-isolate* for at least 10 days from when symptoms** started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Tell the school immediately about test result Whole household must self-isolate* for 14 days from start of symptoms (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>... when child feels better and has not had a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone</p>
 <p>... my child is sent home because they are in a bubble that the school has closed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to school Child must self-isolate* for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days Everyone else who lives in the house does not need to isolate, unless they have been identified as a close contact of someone with a positive result 	<p>... when the school says it is OK for them to return, usually when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>... a person who I live with has Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child / children must not attend school The person with symptoms must get a test Everyone who lives in the house must self-isolate* until they get their result Tell the school immediately about test result 	<p>... if the person's test is negative and if the child does not have any symptoms**</p>
 <p>... a person who I live with has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to school Everyone in the house must self-isolate* for 14 days from start of symptoms** (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if somebody tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>... when child has completed 14 days of isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>

*When a person is self-isolating they must not leave the house for any reason (unless they are going for a Coronavirus test) and must not have visitors in their home.

If you need any advice or support, including help with shopping, you can call the Council's Coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline on 0114 27 34567. For urgent medical advice call 111.

**Symptoms include at least one of the following: a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change in taste/smell.



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school
 <p>... NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a close contact of someone with symptoms** of Coronavirus (COVID-19)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>... your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus</p> <p>Examples of close contact include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> close face-to-face contact (under 1 metre) for any length of time – including talking to them or coughing on them being within 1 to 2 metres of each other for more than 15 minutes – including travelling in a car spending lots of time together in your/their home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to school Child must self-isolate* for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days Everyone else who lives in the house does not need to isolate, unless they have also been identified as a close contact of someone with a positive result 	<p>... when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>... we/my child has travelled to another country and has to self-isolate* as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<p>Returning from a country where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to school Everyone who lives in the house must self-isolate* for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days <p>To support your child's education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in school term time Consider quarantine requirements and official advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy 	<p>... when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>... we have received advice from a medical/official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to school Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team Child must shield until you are told that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>... when school/other agencies tell you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can go back to school again</p>
 <p>... I am not sure who should get a test for Coronavirus (COVID-19)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only people with symptoms** should get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>... when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

For more information and advice please visit www.sheffield.gov.uk/BackToSchoolSafely
To book a test call 119 or visit nhs.uk/coronavirus

Adapted from a document produced by Greater Manchester



Thank you to everyone for supporting us last week when we had to close our Y4 classes due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school. We appreciate the difficulties faced by the families of the children affected in trying to sort out childcare in such a short amount of time and thank them for following the guidelines and keeping their children safe. A huge well done also needs to be said to our year 4 pupils who are working diligently on their remote learning – we are very proud of all of you and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Friday.

Virtual Parent Consultation Evenings

Our Parent Consultation Evenings will take place this week, on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October, between 3.40pm-6.30pm and 3.40pm-5.30pm. Appointments, which should be booked via ParentMail, will close 24 hours before consultations take place. When you log in to Zoom, you will be held in a waiting room and your child's class teacher will let you in to the meeting at your allocated appointment time. For safeguarding reasons, please ensure you have named your device with your child's name, so teachers know who to admit to the meeting. It is important that you stick to your allocated time slot and the meetings do not exceed 10 minutes in order for the evening to run smoothly.

Zoom links for this meeting will be shared with you via your child's Google Classroom by Tuesday. If you are unable to access your child's Google Classroom please let the office know.

10 Day Active Travel Challenge – Monday 12th – Friday 23rd October -

Our school is taking part in a 10 day Active Travel Challenge, starting today and finishing on Friday 23rd October. The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an active way of getting to school over the 10 day period by walking, cycling, skating, scooting, skipping or park & stride. There are badges to be won for everybody who completes the challenge, as well as whole school prizes! We want everyone to take part and get a wriggle on, shake a leg, look lively and most of all get moving! For children who are in year 4 or who are isolating, then you can still take part once you return to school. If you do choose to scoot or bike to school, then these can be left at the bike racks either outside Miss Marklew's classroom or the Y4 cloakroom.

Healthy Snacks

Recently we have noticed a number of children bringing in full packets of biscuits and chocolate as their break time snacks. We would like to remind you that children should be bringing in healthy snacks for breaktime, such as: fruit, cereal bars, crackers, cheese, vegetable sticks and yogurts.

Westfield Virtual Open Evening – Update

Westfield School wish to thank everyone who joined them on the Y5/6 virtual open evening last week. For anyone who missed the event, or if you would like to listen again, a recording is now available on their website.