



# Weekly Newsletter

Monday 5th October 2020

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## Face coverings around school

After considering up to date information about infection rates continuing to rise in Sheffield and seeking advice on this, we now request that all adults (unless exempt) wear a face covering when they enter the school yard as we want to help protect our school community on the narrow pathways around school wherever we can. Please ensure you still adhere to social distancing in the yard, and as you line up outside classrooms. Please keep your children with you at all times to help maintain their distance from other adults and people in other households. Walk your child to the drop off point (at least 2 metres away from classroom doors) and watch your child until he/she enters the school building. Once he/she is safely inside the building and has been received by a member of school staff, please leave the school grounds ready for the next drop off. This procedure is for the safety of everyone involved.

NB— Please note that adults/children with symptoms or who have been instructed to self-isolate cannot enter the school grounds.

Thank you for your support as we work together to try and protect you and your family.

## Hot school meals are back today!

Our school kitchen will be offering a hot meal of the day from today, in addition to jacket potato (with beans, cheese or tuna) or sandwich options (ham or cheese). There will also be a choice of either dessert or fruit. There will be three week rolling programme for the main course menu which we will share with you when we have received this from Taylor Shaw, but here are this week's dishes of the day...!

Monday 5th — Burger, wedges and peas

Tuesday 6th — Cheese and tomato pizza

Wednesday 7th — Roast chicken dinner

Thursday 8th— Chicken pie

Friday 9th — Fish fingers and chips

A big thank you to everyone who supported us last Thursday on our census day too - not only did the children enjoy their fish fingers and chips, but each child who ordered a school meal on this day helped to secure future funding for our school. Thank you for your support!

## School photographs

Please note the photographer will now be attending to take individual nursery and school photographs on **Tuesday 20th October**. Due to restrictions in school at present, we are only able to take individual photographs on this date within each class bubble, and will not be able to offer photographs with siblings who are not in the same class bubble together. The photographer has offered to come back to school at a later date to provide these once limitations to make school 'Covid safe' have been lifted—including once class bubbles can mix again and when we are able to invite parents into school with pre-school siblings etc.

## SEND reviews

Our SEND team, including Mrs Hibberd and Geneya Smales (SENCo at Mosborough Primary and Halfway Junior School) and relevant class teachers, has arranged SEND reviews to take place tomorrow (Tuesday 6th October). The meetings will be led by Geneya Smales (in the absence of our SENCo, Jo Lomas) and will take place via Zoom. If your child has regular SEND reviews, you should already have received an allocated time and Zoom link for these meetings. If any parent/carer is not able to attend at the allocated time, please email Mrs Hibberd on [send@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:send@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk) with anything you would like to be considered at the meeting and we will send you a copy of the paper work from the meeting to keep you fully informed.

## Vacancy for a parent governor

We have a vacancy on the school's governing body for a parent governor. We are looking for someone who has a child or children currently attending this Nursery or Infant School, has an interest in the performance of the school, a desire to contribute to and represent the community, the ability to look at issues objectively, the confidence to ask questions and join in debate, a willingness to listen and make informed judgements, the ability to work well with others and time to spare. You should have received a letter via email last week with further details and how to express interest in joining our governing body.

## Remote learning through Tapestry

If you have not already done so, please sign up for Tapestry by returning your reply slip **today** (an email to school is fine to confirm if you are struggling to print off a copy of the letter at home). We shall then be able to finalise our class Tapestry accounts.

As well as offering you a great way to view photographs of your child and learning from the time your child is in school or nursery with us, this App/website will also be the main way we share remote learning with you. If your child needs to be absent from school e.g. due to household isolation, but is not ill, please contact us to inform us of this and we will share the learning the class does on a daily basis through Tapestry (printed copies will be posted on request if you do not have access to Tapestry at home).

In the event that a case of Covid-19 affects an entire bubble and its members need to isolate for 14 days, class teachers plan to send video lessons and learning home each day which reflects the full curriculum in school, across a range of subjects. **Please sign up now so you have access to this too!**

## **NURSERY NEWS**

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please remember to send your child with a warm waterproof 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 :-)



Take care and stay safe,

With best wishes

**Paula Bestall**



# Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



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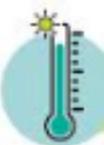
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## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

### Recognising Symptoms

| Symptom   | Coronavirus<br><small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small> | Cold<br><small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small> | Flu<br><small>Rapid onset of symptoms</small> |
|---|--|--|---|
|  <b>Fever</b><br>(37.8C or above)      | Common   | Rare   | Common  |
|  <b>Coughing</b>                       | Common<br>(usually dry)  | Mild   | Common<br>(usually dry)                       |
|  <b>Change in sense of taste/smell</b> | Common   | Sometimes  | Sometimes                                     |
|  <b>Sneezing</b>                      | No   | Common   | No  |
|  <b>Aches and pains</b>              | Sometimes  | Common   | Common  |
|  <b>Runny or stuffy nose</b>         | Rare   | Common   | Sometimes                                     |
|  <b>Sore throat</b>                  | Sometimes  | Common   | Sometimes                                     |
|  <b>Diarrhea</b>                     | Rare   | No   | Sometimes<br>(for children)                   |
|  <b>Headaches</b>                    | Sometimes  | Rare   | Common  |
|  <b>Shortness of breath</b>          | Sometimes  | No   | No  |
|  <b>Tiredness</b>                    | Sometimes  | Sometimes  | Common  |

Source: World Health Organisation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention