



Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 13th September 2021

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What's Happening this Week?	F2 Big PE Day New Nursery starters join our Nursery (dates prearranged)		Y1 Big PE Day	Y2 Big PE Day	
And Next Week ?	F2 Big PE Day		Y1 Big PE Day	Y2 Big PE Day	

School attendance figures

Attendance for the week ending 10th September 2021:

Class	Attendance (%)
Enormous Crocodiles	98.4
Crafty Chameleons	98.4
Rainbow Fish	96.0
Hungry Caterpillars	95.2
Gruffalos	100
Elmers	96.6

Overall attendance for the week was 97.5%

Please remember to...

Could we please ask that children come to nursery and school in clothing and shoes that encourage their developing independence skills i.e. those which they can manage independently when going to the toilet and when layering up to go outside to play etc.

Please also remember to NAME EVERYTHING so we are able to return items promptly to their rightful owner, should they go astray!



Reminder: INSET/school closure days

Below is confirmation of our school closure days for the academic year. Please note the additional date of 6th June. This is an extra day the government has given to schools to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. At the moment, this date has been set by individual schools (and therefore dates may differ between schools), however, if the advice on this changes from the government, we will let you know!

21st Feb 2022

22nd Oct 2021

27th May 2022

4th Jan 2022

6th June 2022



Dear parents/carers,

All our school aged children have now settled into their new classes, and our youngest nursery starters are joining us over the next few days. We cannot tell you just how lovely it is for the children to be in school - they are doing so well and we are so proud of them. A big thank you to adults too as your support, understanding and patience is such a huge help (especially over those first few days when it takes us a little longer than normal to help the children as they get used to their new morning and home time routines!).

Pre-loved uniform

Thanks to recent donations, we have a good supply of pre-owned uniform available in school, including:

- polo shirts
- sweatshirts
- sweatshirt cardigans

All items are £1 each and are available from the school and nursery offices. When your child has a growth spurt and is ready for the next size up, do come along and have a look at what we have available to help save costs to you and also to give some pre-loved items a new lease of life.

Parents' Consultations/Evenings for F2, Y1 and Y2 children

These will take place on:

- **Tuesday 5th October, and**
- **Wednesday 13th October**

This term's Parents' Consultations will be over Zoom again, for both your convenience and also safety. Links will be sent home by the end of next week for parents/carers of school aged children to book a Zoom appointment with their class teacher to find out how well he/she has settled into his/her new class over the first few weeks of term.

(NB—If you are unable to attend an online meeting, please do let us know at the time we send the links out).

PLEASE NOTE: We are planning this term's events following the current government advice and Public Health advice for schools. Headteachers have a series of upcoming Public Health Briefings to attend over the next few weeks in Sheffield which should hopefully help us to finalise our plans - once other 'dates for the diary' have been set I will share these with you.

Eat Smart Sheffield

Go to <https://sway.office.com/C9XklPILmw6J3rCs?ref=email> to find a newsletter from **Eat Smart Sheffield** with information and top tips for eating healthily throughout the day - including breakfast ideas, school meals, healthy snacks & drinks, and family recipes.



Please find the information shared in last week's newsletter copied below

COVID-19 update—Step 4 of the Roadmap and what this means for schools

People who are double jabbed or aged under 18 no longer need legally to self-isolate if identified as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case, unless they too develop symptoms or test positive for the virus. The changes form part of the Government's Step 4 of the Covid-19 Roadmap. Instead, the above groups will be advised by NHS Test and Trace; NHS advice includes booking a PCR test as soon as possible to check if they have the virus and to check for variants of concern.

People can order a PCR home test online or by calling 119 or going to a test site.

Groups who are still required to self-isolate, should they be identified as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case, are:

- those who have not received their Covid-19 vaccination
- those who have not received both doses of their Covid-19 vaccination
- those who have received their second dose within the last 14 days
- those who have tested positive after a PCR test
- those who are displaying Covid-19 symptoms, even if they have had both vaccinations (ahead of getting a PCR test).

Anyone who does test positive following the PCR test will still be legally required to self-isolate, irrespective of their vaccination status or age in order to break onwards chains of transmission. Similarly, anyone who develops Covid-19 symptoms should still self-isolate and get a PCR test and remain in isolation until the result comes back (therefore, schools still need to monitor children and will contact parents/carers if their child displays symptoms at school as they will need to be collected, in line with government guidance).

NHS Test and Trace will now be leading on contact tracing advice for parents/carers instead of schools, and we will no longer be asked to send letters out to the school community if there is a positive case in school. If a child or young person is identified as a close contact of a positive case, the child and their parents or guardians will be given specific advice by Test and Trace (unless there is an outbreak in school where advice may also be shared by the Sheffield Public Health team).

Alongside PCR testing for anyone with symptoms or who is a close contact, people with no symptoms are being encouraged by the government to take up their offer of free, twice weekly rapid testing to find additional cases among people who are asymptomatic.

What to do if you have Covid-19 signs or symptoms

If you are showing any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, however mild, self-isolate and get tested as soon as possible:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or test

People can order a PCR home test online or by calling 119 or going to a test site. Our local test site is located at Halfway Park and Ride (pedestrian and drive through appointments available) which is open 7 days a week 9am to 3pm. **IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO SCHOOL—FOLLOW THE NHS ADVICE AND BOOK A TEST.**

If you wish to read the up to date DfE guidance for parents/carers, please see - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

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

Kindest regards,

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