



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 3

18 September 2020



Breakfast club

Book next week's breakfast club sessions here:

<http://bit.ly/bfastclubweek3>

Google Classroom

Years 3-6 are getting back into the swing of Google classroom in case of isolation and lockdowns. Please don't worry about work on there yet!

Children's learning

Videos will be available on the school website class pages and Google Classroom from Wednesday next week – the children will know where to find them & show you!

Music in school

This week's musician is **Elton John**. We've been playing it in the corridor at the start of the day!
Sing along at home to Rocketman, Don't go breaking my heart and many more!

Coming Up!

Every newsletter, we publish the key events coming up for children in our school for the forthcoming fortnight – this is the bit to pin to your fridge!

Mon 21 st	All day	Sprat & Winkle children all in in the mornings until 1pm. 1 st Full Governing Body meeting of the year (virtually)
Wed 23 rd	17:00	Videos available on the class pages of the website and Google classroom of information for parents based on learning for this term in each year group.
Mon 28 th	08:30	Sprat & Winkle children in all day, every day.
Tues 29 th	pm	Speech & language therapist in for some children

Important COVID information

With the exception of this page of the newsletter, this week's is dedicated to providing you with more up to date COVID information now that we know how things are going to go and what the general advice is. Along with the rest of the country, we are struggling to get families tested but we will not compromise on safety and know that this is the frustrating but necessary part of the process.

This week, most children in school have been taking tests so that we have a clear baseline of where they're at and where to build from. Your children have been remarkably resilient and tackled these head on with a positive attitude. We promise a return to normal next week!

We enjoyed our first whole school Celebration assembly keeping bubbles separate and being outside – it was glorious!

Tiredness is definitely kicking in so early nights this weekend and all next week are prescribed for all...adults included!

Emma Jefferies, Headteacher



Updates to COVID practices at school

We are now 2 weeks into term and I wanted to wait and see what issues would arise and how we deal with them before writing to you with further guidance. Also, the Government guidance has been changing frequently but I feel we're probably at a stage where you need a bit more from me about how the School (and you at home) should deal with suspected cases, self-isolation and lockdowns of bubbles or indeed the whole school.

In all the information that follows, as unpalatable as some of it may be, please remember, we are only instigating it to keep you and us safe and ensure your child can be in school as much as possible and reduce the risk of lockdowns.

General issues when school is open and functioning

All of the procedures in place so far are working well. As time has gone on and the R number increased higher, we are more aware of people visiting the site, including parents dropping children off. We love the quieter mornings and pick-ups and think this has been a good way to manage numbers on site but when we as adults are passing each other or having a chat at the gate, I and other staff are conscious that we barely manage a 1m social distancing rule.

From Monday 21st September, all staff will wear masks when greeting you at the gate and we ask that you, as parents, also wear a mask to drop off your child. If you are meeting with a member of staff, we ask you to also wear a mask to keep you and us safe.

Coughs, colds or COVID?

We have had many families who have kept children at home because their child has developed a cough or a cold which has been eminently sensible in these first tentative days. Many have sought COVID tests but these have been very hard to come by and usually, the snuffle and cough has gone as a cold does but the families have to remain isolated which is frustrating and needless.

My advice to families, in line with other schools, is

- if you think your child has a cold and it's taking the form that a cold usually would, they are well enough to be in school. If they have a cough that is a 'clearing' type productive cough, this is OK too.
- If they have a temperature **and** a cold – they should remain at home until they are well enough to return
- If they have a temperature (37.9°C or over) with no cold symptoms and/or a new continuous cough plus perhaps a lack of taste or smell, please phone 111 and ask advice.

This is my considered advice, as a Headteacher, following guidance from PHE and the DfE but I am not a medically trained professional. You as parents are the best judge of whether your child is showing signs of COVID or a cold as you know their 'normal'. Please always refer back to your doctor if at all unsure.

Developing symptoms in school

If your child develops symptoms in school that may lead us to think they are COVID related, we will call you immediately and expect you to collect your child immediately. We will remove your child from class and ensure they have reading books and some work books so that they can work at home in case of a prolonged absence. During this

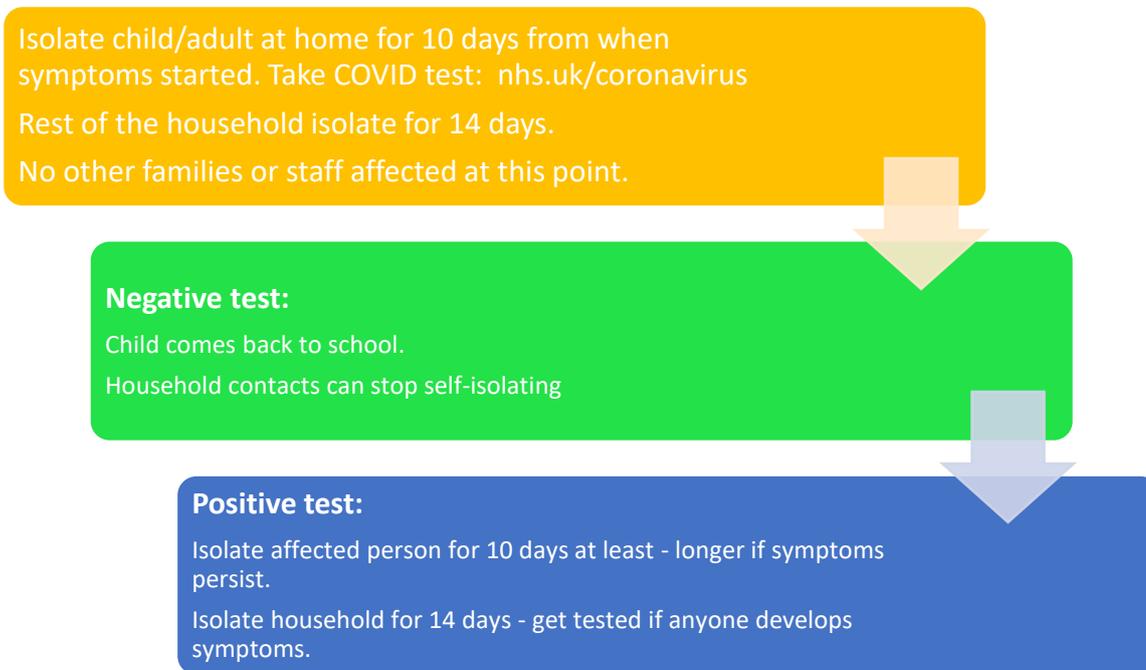
time, there will be an adult overseeing their care who will be wearing full PPE. We will be trying to keep 2m distance at all times. We have talked to the children about this so that they are not worried.

We would advise you to get a COVID test in this instance.

If a member of staff develops symptoms, they will immediately be sent home and will get a COVID test.

Then what...?

If you or your child develops symptoms, please follow these steps carefully;



What if...?

I'm contacted by NHS Test & Trace? Follow their guidance. Depending on the level of contact you've had with the infected person, you may be advised to notify us as it might affect your child's bubble. It's likely not to however.

We have a positive test in school (adult or child)...? We will be given clear guidance from the local Health Protection Team (HPT). This may mean a short closure of a bubble for deep cleaning, it may mean a bubble isolating for 14 days or it might mean whole school closure. We won't know until we're in that situation and receive personalized guidance depending on the situation. THE SMALLER WE ALL MAKE OUR SOCIAL BUBBLES AND CONTACTS, THE LESS LIKELY THIS IS TO HAPPEN.

I or another member of my family have symptoms...? Follow the guidance above and isolate the household.

My child is sent home with COVID symptoms but it develops into a cold...? It's probably wisest in this situation to get a test and confirm your/our suspicions.

My child's teacher is off with suspected COVID...? We will have sought guidance from the HPT as to whether the bubble should isolate. This is a real possibility. If they are off and the bubble DON'T have to isolate, it's likely Mrs Jefferies will cover the bubble.

Will we see people in masks on site? Yes. The adult on the gates on a morning will wear one from Monday 21st Sept. We will also ask all visitors such as contractors, school nurse team, outside agencies etc to wear a face covering. Staff will wear one if meeting with a visitor inside. As much as the children are used to seeing people wear masks, we will be talking to them on Friday about this, ready for Monday.

What about their learning?

We are putting plans into place at the moment for remote learning for children in case of a bubble shutdown or self-isolation as this is looking increasingly like it's going to be the norm for the foreseeable future.

There are certain stipulations laid out by the Government which we had been meeting throughout lockdown already about the amount, quality and substance of work as well as daily contact with the class teacher. This was relatively easy to do as almost the whole school was isolated but provision will not be the same in the new world where teachers are teaching their class and having a few children at home. We are looking into what's realistic and sensible and what we can commit to on a regular basis without being too burdensome for you at home and without breaking our teachers!

We will write further when we have cemented our plans. This will be no later than 30 September. In the interim, your child's class teacher will post learning on Google Classroom in the first 2 days of their absence which will link to work your child would have been undertaking in class.

As a final note from me....please be responsible! If you receive a text from track and trace or you suspect COVID in your child or someone dropping off or picking up, do not ignore it and put other children and staff at risk, however much this may inconvenience you and your family. We all need to work together to keep our community safe and have collectively done a great job of this so far.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Jefferies