

Werrington Primary School



Newsletter

22nd October 2020.



Face Masks

A huge 'Thank you' to all who are wearing masks whilst within the school grounds.

Can I ask that adults try and stand away from the entry/ exit doors when you drop off and pick up children? If you do speak to a member of staff at the door, can I ask that you keep your mask on and don't remove it to talk?



Newsletters

We're very aware that during these 'covid times', our usual Newsletter is just full of information and requests and isn't really mentioning all the fantastic work that the children are doing in (and out of) school.

So, from after half-term, we will be sending out regular 'celebration' newsletters to keep you up-to-date on all of the wonderful experiences and activities that the children are participating in, both inside and outside of school.

Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies

If you send a 'snack' in for your child to eat at break time, please ensure that it is a healthy snack – fruit is always the best option.

We encourage parents to send their child into school with a bottle of water (Not fruit juice) so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day.



Reception Class 2021/22

If your child is ready to start in our Reception class in September 2021, you will need to apply for a place – even if your child currently is in our Nursery.

Applications open on 1st November 2020.

Contact Information

Please ensure that the school office has current, up to



date contact details for your child so that we can quickly contact a parent or carer in case of an emergency.

Half Term

School closes at 3:20pm on Friday 23rd October for half term.

We re-open at 8:45am on **Tuesday** 3rd November.

IMPORTANT

If you, or anyone in your household, shows symptoms of Coronavirus, please ensure that the whole household self-isolates until the person with symptoms has a test and that test produces a 'negative' result.

DO NOT send your child into school if you have symptoms of Covid-19.



Wrap up warm

As an important part of keeping children safe, we are ensuring that all areas of the school are well ventilated – This means that windows and doors are kept open.

As winter approaches, we are suggesting that children wear an extra layer to help keep them warm in school.



We also suggest that children wear (blue) tracksuit bottoms and a blue fleece for PE, most of which will take place outdoors.

Whenever possible, break times will be outdoors so a warm, waterproof coat is essential

School Gates

If you pull into the school gateway to drop your child off in the morning, please stop this – It is extremely selfish and puts our children in danger



Reading: Please continue to encourage your child to read every day throughout the half-term break, including weekends – It really does have a massive impact on the progress that they then make at school.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:

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A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if		Action needed	Back to school
2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 200	my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	 Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test result 	when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours
	my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone test negative during those 14 days 	when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours 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.
	somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	 Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
	somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

A household includes everyone living in one home plus their support bubble (if you have one).

^{*}Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of taste or smell. See more at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

What to do if		Action needed	Back to school
	NHS Test and Trace / Local Authority Outbreak Control has identified my child as a 'close contact' of someone with symptoms* or confirmed COVID- 19 (coronavirus)	 Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate unless they have also been identified as a 'close contact' of someone with a positive result 	when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days
Constitution of the contract o	we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days — even if they test negative during those 14 days	when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days.
	we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	 Child shouldn't attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
?	I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	 Only people with symptoms* need to 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 	when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

For further information: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus