



Werrington Primary School



Newsletter

15th October 2021.



Medication in school premises – IMPORTANT

Pupils may not bring prescribed or any other medication into school themselves. Medicines must be stored safely in the school for your child and others' safety.

If your child has a medical need and you have not yet told us, please contact Mrs Kay Bolton, our SENCo, on 01782 980010 or k.bolton@werrington.staffs.sch.uk who will create a 'Health Care Plan' to support your child.

Safeguarding

For your information: every school must have a designated lead and deputy designated lead officer for safeguarding issues.

Mr. McLauchlan is our designated safeguarding leader and Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Bolton are the deputy designated safeguarding leaders.

If you believe that a child is at risk of significant harm or is in need, then please do come to talk to us.

If you feel that you can't do this, then please phone either Staffordshire County Council First Response Team on 0800 1313126 or Stoke on Trent Children and Young People's Services on 01782 235100.

Parking Issues

I have again been approached by several local residents who have been inconvenienced by our school community when parents have parked over their drives at the beginning or end of the school day. The majority of our parents always park considerately and safely but unfortunately this is a recurring issue. Parents and carers are respectfully asked to park away from school (on the Village Hall Car Park) and to walk the last part of the journey to school to help alleviate congestion on the roads around our school. Thank you to all parents and carers who support our school and local community by parking considerately.

Opticians

Have you noticed that your child is having difficulty seeing bus numbers or reading? Are they complaining of headaches? They may be struggling to see clearly in class.

It might be worth arranging for a trip to an optician. We have seen a few children who benefitted from having their vision checked. If you think that this may be the case for your child, please do book an appointment. If possible, arrange for the appointment to be out of school time to minimise disruption to their learning. Half Term is coming up....

Half Term

School finishes at 3:20pm on THURSDAY 21st October. We re-open at 8:45am on Monday 1st November.

Term dates

Our term dates for 2021/22 can be found below – Please note that 4th January is now an INSET day and that Summer term finishes at 1:30pm on WEDNESDAY 20th July 2022.

Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform and footwear to school each day. Please note that the 'hoodie' is PE kit only and not a part of our daily uniform.

Jewellery, Nail Varnish and Hair Dye!

We know how tempting it is for children to experiment with adornments but ask you please not to let your child do this in school.

It can cause upset and jealousy as well as, in the case of jewellery, present some health and safety problems. Children are welcome to wear watches and stud earrings – no hooped earrings of any kind are allowed.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed you may now qualify for free school meals. Parents can check eligibility via this link:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Overview.aspx>

Following the link will tell you if you are eligible and it will also alert the school. Please note that this is different from Universal Free Meals which all Infant children receive.

Vacancy

We are recruiting for an apprentice caretaker – If you know of anyone who would be interested in this opportunity, please signpost them to our website.

<http://www.werringtonprimary.org.uk/2021/09/14/vacancy-apprentice-caretaker/>

Y7 Secondary School Applications

Year 6 parents can apply online for your child's secondary school place starting September 2022. Online applications can be made up to and including the closing date of 31 October 2021.

Covid Awareness

Coronavirus has not gone away. In order to keep our community safe, please remember that if your child has ANY of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild, then they should get a PCR TEST (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible.

Where possible, we recommend that your child should also **STAY AT HOME AND NOT COME TO SCHOOL** and self-isolate until you get the test result. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

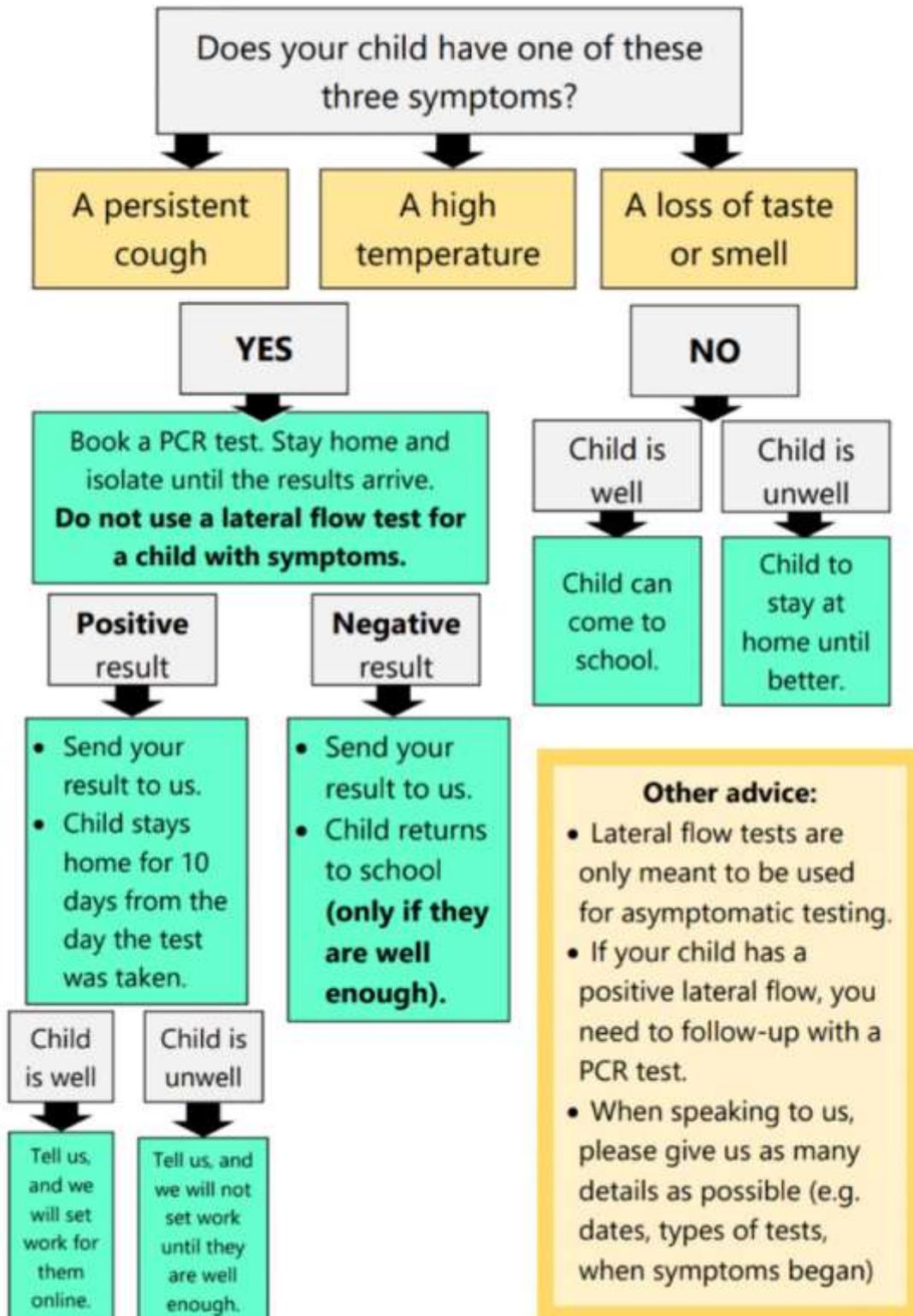
1. A high temperature;
2. A new, continuous cough
3. A loss or change of sense to smell or taste.

Covid Safety

Covid cases are rising rapidly within our community. As a vital part of our covid safety plan, I must ask that **all visitors to site abide by our one-way system**. The one-way system may be a minor inconvenience to some, but does help keep our infection rates low which means that we do not have to close year groups for home-schooling. Your help and support in following our one-way system is much appreciated.

Our Covid Risk Assessment and Management Plans can be found on our school website

<http://www.werringtonprimary.org.uk/about-us/covid-19-outbreak-management-plan/>



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Term dates 2021/22

	Pupil's Year	Staff Year
Autumn 2020.		
School Opens	Thursday 2 nd September	Wednesday 1 st September
School Closes	Thursday 21 st October	Friday 22 nd October
School Opens	Monday 1 st November	Monday 1 st November
School Closes	Friday 17 th December	Friday 17 th December
Spring 2021.		
School Opens	Wednesday 5 th January	Tuesday 4 th January
School Closes	Thursday 17 th February	Friday 18 th February
School Opens	Monday 28 th February	Monday 28 th February
School Closes	Friday 8 th April	Friday 8 th April
Summer 2021.		
School Opens	Monday 25 th April	Monday 25 th April
<i>School Closed - May Day Monday 2nd May</i>		
School Closes	Friday 27 th May	Friday 27 th May
School Opens	Tuesday 7 th June	Monday 6 th June
School Closes	Wednesday 20 th July	Wednesday 20 th July

Inset days:

- **Wednesday 1st September**
- **Friday 22nd October**
- **Tuesday 4th January**
- **Friday 18th February**
- **Monday 6th June**

Autumn Term 2022 starts Monday 5th September for staff and Tuesday 6th September for pupils.

Childhood Respiratory Illnesses – mild or minor symptoms could be treated at home

During the last year there has been a 'remarkable reduction' in respiratory viral infections other than COVID-19, because of social distancing measures. This has meant an increasing number of young children have never been exposed to mild viruses.

NHS England warned earlier in the year that a possible increase in childhood respiratory illnesses was on its 'radar', and this might cause an issue moving forward. The reason for the expected surge is that we have had two winters where children have had limited exposure to common respiratory illnesses. A prolonged period of low-rate respiratory virus transmission means that the majority children have not experienced mild respiratory illness for some time and babies who may have been born during the first lockdown, have not had chance to build a strong immunity because of social distancing.

Locally our Urgent Emergency Care (UEC) services are already extremely busy and we have started to see a steady increase in patients presenting with childhood respiratory illnesses - most of which are mild or minor symptoms which could be treated at home.

If your child is feeling unwell with a cough, cold or sore throat, book a COVID-19 test at one of our community testing centres as soon as possible to ensure their condition is not COVID-19. If the test is negative, visiting your local community pharmacy is the quickest and most convenient way to access care, advice and medicines that may ease your child's symptoms.

If your child is feeding, drinking, eating and breathing normally and there's no wheezing, a cough is not usually anything to worry about.

Parents are also being encouraged to stock up their medicine cabinets so that they are prepared to treat minor symptoms and illnesses at home. Here is a list of things that can be bought from a pharmacy or supermarket which might help you care for an unwell child at home.

- Children's paracetamol
- Children's ibuprofen (children with asthma may not be able to take ibuprofen (check with a pharmacist)
- Digital thermometer
- Vapor rub
- Children's cough syrup
- Nasal saline drops
- Honey (not suitable for under 12 months)
- Ice-lollies
- Soft tissues

If your child's temperature is very high (38C or more), they feel hot and shivery or have a distinctive barking cough that makes a harsh sound, known as a stridor when they breath in, contact your GP, go to 111.nhs.uk or download the NHS app.

It is normal for a child to have eight or more colds a year, this is because there are hundreds of different cold viruses. Children gradually build up immunity and get fewer colds over time. Most colds get better in five to seven days but can take up to two weeks in small children.

If your child is unable to swallow fluids or saliva or have any difficulty breathing, go to A&E or call 999 immediately as they may need urgent treatment in hospital.