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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for taking the time to read the weekly newsletter which I trust is helping to keep you informed of what is going on in school. Over the last few weeks, as is inevitable, I have received a number of questions related to COVID-19. To help you to continue to support us in keeping our community safe, I hope the following provides you with a useful checklist.

### Symptoms:

- There seem to be many symptoms of coronavirus.
- The most important ones to look out for are:
  - **A high temperature** – this means that you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
  - **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  - **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.
- For more details go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
- **Please inform school immediately if you, your child or anyone in your family starts to display these symptoms.**

### Testing and Self-isolating:

- If you, your child or anyone in your household starts to display symptoms, book a test immediately. In this instance, please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- **From the moment you book a test, you and your household must self-isolate until the test has been carried out and until you get the results back.**
- You do not need to inform school if your result comes back negative. However, do so if you wish.
- If you receive a positive result, you and your household must continue to self-isolate. **The person receiving the positive result must self-isolate for at least 10 days, the rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days.**
- **If you have a child in another school who is asked to self-isolate, the rest of the household is not required to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms** i.e. your child can still attend Holy Trinity unless the child asked to self-isolate starts to develop symptoms or indeed if anyone else in the household does.
- Please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/> for more detail. Here you will find specific information on:
  - When to self-isolate and what to do
  - How long to self-isolate
  - How to avoid spreading coronavirus to people you live with
  - How to treat symptoms at home
  - Help and financial support while you're self-isolating
  - What to do if your symptoms get worse
  - What to do if you get symptoms again

### Test and Trace (please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>):

- If you are contacted by Test and Trace, you need to self-isolate for 14 days from the day you were last in contact with the person who has tested positive for coronavirus.
- The people you live with, including your children (unless they are the ones Test and Trace has contacted), do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms i.e. they can still come to school unless you show or start to show symptoms.
- Please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

#### Reporting Absence:

- Please either email the office [office@holytrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitysch.co.uk) or telephone (to speak to someone or leave a message) by 9:15am if your child is absent from school. Voice messages and emails will be picked up by office staff.
- If your child is absent on consecutive days, please inform the office on every day they are not in.

#### Hand Sanitiser & Tissues:

- Please send your child into school with a small bottle of hand sanitiser and a packet of pocket tissues each day.
- Limit the amount of equipment your child brings to school each day. Unnecessary items should be left at home.
- Sending your child to school with a coat and warm layers is helpful. Classrooms remain well-ventilated with windows and doors open.

#### Wearing Mask:

- Although it is not compulsory, it is helpful if you can wear a mask at drop-off and pick-up.
- Please move away from the site quickly once you have dropped off or picked up your child.

#### Play Dates:

- Please consider the necessity of play dates. Finding virtual ways of connecting your child to their friends, if you feel you need to beyond school hours, is desirable in the current climate.

This week the Department for Education has signposted schools to a paper compiled by the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) that provides the latest evidence of incidence and transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in schools and the benefits to children and young people of remaining in education. If you are interested in reading the report it can be accessed using the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/spi-bdfe-covid-19-benefits-of-remaining-in-education-evidence-and-considerations-4-november-2020?utm\\_source=16%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/spi-bdfe-covid-19-benefits-of-remaining-in-education-evidence-and-considerations-4-november-2020?utm_source=16%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

By remaining vigilant, following guidance and acting quickly we can continue to function without, hopefully, the need to collapse bubbles. Thank you for your continued support.

Finally, the Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains open and is available to answer questions about COVID-19 which relate to education settings and children's social care.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

In other news:

#### Catch-Up with the Teacher Meetings:

I hope you found the opportunity to meet your child's teacher this week useful. If you were unable to attend, the slides from the presentation will be posted on your child's Google Classroom for you to refer to. If you have any additional questions which you feel were not addressed or which you require greater clarity on, please email the office [office@holytrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitysch.co.uk) marking your email for the attention of the particular teacher concerned.

#### PTA:

Just over a week ago the PTA held their annual general meeting during which the committee for the coming year was voted in. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved. The PTA work tirelessly to generate funds for our school allowing projects to come to fruition. Do look out for PTA newsletters or speak to class representatives to find out how you can get involved.

#### Thank You to our Leavers of 2018-2019:

Every year our Year 6 school leavers present the school with something that will help us to remember them. The leavers of 2018-2019 have gifted the school a trophy cabin which has been delivered and placed in our entrance. It looks superb and we all thank them for their generosity.

#### Children in Need:

After some late donations, I am delighted to report that the amount raised for Children in Need was £304.30. Thank you for your support.

#### Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will continue to operate next week. You can drop your child off anytime between 8:00am and 8:45am. Please note, breakfast will not be served so your child should arrive having eaten at home first. You will be charged £2.20 for this service through your Scopay account. It is helpful if your bill is regularly settled.

#### Ordering Individual Photographs:

If you would like to order your child's individual school photograph through school, please place your order by Monday (23.11.20). You should do this by placing your order in an envelope with a cheque (no cash please) and dropping it through the post box at the front of the building. Orders can still be placed after Monday 23.11.20 via the Tempest website [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

#### RBWM Back to School Strategy:

Please find attached a leaflet from RBWM about cycling to school. This is the fourth and final information leaflet which has been sent to you as part of the borough's back to school strategy. Thank you for being mindful of neighbours and pedestrians when needing to drive along the lane. If you could continue to avoid parking directly opposite the school car park entrance, avoid parking on curbs and keep your dog on a lead if walking to school, it would help. Thank you.

#### Maths Week:

Next week is Maths Week during which we hope your child will speak positively about the activities we have planned.

Finally, it was with sadness this week that I learned of the sad passing of Arthur Burgin. Arthur sat on the board of our governors as chair for many years devoting a huge amount of time and energy to our school. As a keen advocate of science, every year since Arthur left his post, our Year 6 children have participated in an event which requires them to propose and test out a scientific theory. Their findings are showcased in a science exhibition and the most promising scientist, as decided by those visiting the exhibition, is presented with the Arthur Burgin Trophy. On several occasions Arthur came along to see the children's work. We will remember Arthur by continuing this tradition. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Joan and his family at this difficult time.

Do have a good weekend and stay safe.

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov    | Maths Week (please see above)  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov                       | 11+ Results  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | Year 6 Bikeability Course  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec                       | Christmas Dinner (please place your child's order via your Scopay account) |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec                       | KS2 Christmas Parties  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec                       | KS1 Christmas Parties  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan | Christmas Break  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan                       | RBWM Registration Portal closes for September 2021 children                |