



## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for the caution you have shown this week in deciding whether or not to send your child to school if they show signs of illness. It is inevitable, even with increased hand washing and other hygiene routines in place, that as we approach winter the children will pick up colds and other ailments. The message continues to be that if your child feels unwell **with symptoms of coronavirus** then they should stay at home and await a test. Just for clarity, the symptoms you should look out for which would determine whether or not to keep them at home are:

- A high temperature (this means feeling hot to touch on the 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 particularly if those who usually have a cough find it is worse than usual)
- The loss or change in a sense of taste or smell (this means noticing an inability to smell or taste anything or realising that things smell or taste different from normal)

Guidance goes on to state that it's only if a pupil or staff member develops one or more of the above symptoms that they should be tested and, in these circumstances, they most definitely should not come to school. In such cases there is no requirement for the household to be tested unless people in it are symptomatic too. However, the guidance specifies that anyone you live with and anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home until test results have been received.

The advice states that if anyone has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus they should:

- Get a test as soon as possible to determine if they have or haven't got it
- Stay at home and not have visitors until test results have been received (one is only permitted to leave home to have a test)

This week I received details of testing sites in our area. Following the recent DHSC approval of a Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) at: **Magnet Leisure Centre, Holmanleaze, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 8AW**, this site has now been approved by the DHSC **for another MTU visit on Sunday 20 September for 2 days**. Bookings for this testing site will be managed in line with current [DHSC guidance](#). This is designed to support the community through access to the continued expansion of the [coronavirus testing programme](#).

An additional site at: **Windsor Coach Park, 2 Alma Road, Windsor, SL4 3HU** has now been approved by the DHSC **for another MTU visit on Tuesday 22 September for 2 days**. Bookings for this testing site will also be managed in line with current [DHSC guidance](#).

With children already coming down with other symptoms not related to Covid-19, next week, when determining whether or not to send your child to school, you may find the NHS website useful <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>. Something you can usefully do, which would help us in school and you when making a decision, is to take your children's temperature before sending them in each morning.

As I stated last week, we are unable to give advice over the phone or decide for you as to whether or not your child should attend school. Therefore, I kindly request that you do not phone the office but instead refer to the guidance above, along with the NHS website you have been signposted to. Currently the office staff are struggling to deal with the volume of calls on matters they cannot help you with. It is important we leave lines open for those parents who are ringing in to report absence.

### Reporting Absence:

If your child is off school, please either telephone or email the office to report their absence **on each day** they are not in even if these days are consecutive.

### Drop-off and Pick-up:

The times for drop-off and pick-up remain the same. Thank you so much for sticking to the timetable. It remains imperative that your child arrives at the exact time specified for their year group in the morning. **If circumstances mean that your child arrives late, please do not immediately send them to the office.** You should make your way to the gate where your child's bubble usually enters the school. Here you should wait with your child until all the bubbles have gone through, after which your child will be admitted. For your convenience, Breakfast Club is operating. Please see last week's newsletter for details of this.

If you arrive after the gate has been locked, only then should you make your way to the office where you should wait until office staff admit you. Please be patient. There is no need to buzz, staff will see you waiting and will attend to you when they are able. It may mean you will have to wait for a short amount of time with your child.

I also kindly request that you send your child through the gate with all the equipment they need for the day to avoid the need to drop off forgotten items later. If you discover an item that your child has left behind, you should place it in the box just outside the main entrance ensuring that anything left is **clearly marked with your child's name and year group.** Items will be distributed during the day.

Adhering to this will allow time for office staff to answer calls from parents reporting absence. Thank you for your cooperation. The timetable for drop off and pick up is shown below:

Bubble	Year Group	Start Time	Collection Time
1	Reception	8:50am	2:40pm
2	Year 6	9:00am	2:50pm
3	Year 2	9:05am	2:55pm
4	Year 5	9:10am	3:00pm
5	Year 4	9:15am	3:10pm
6	Year 1	9:20am	3:20pm
7	Year 3	9:25am	3:30pm

It has been brought to my attention this week by one parent that there is some congestion on the road outside school which is being created by those arriving a little ahead of time and waiting for the appropriate moment to enter the site. Unfortunately, I am unable to cordon off a safe area for you to wait. Therefore, to prevent an accident, I have been asked to request that you supervise your child closely to ensure they do not wander into the road. I do appreciate how complex all these arrangements are for you. Thank you for your support which is allowing us to effectively safeguard the children.

### Cycling to School:

The children are permitted to come to school on bicycle or scooters as we have facilities on site to store vehicles during the day. It has been encouraging to see so few families rely on the car for transport and this, along with a staggered timetable, has helped reduce congestion at the start and end of the day. If they cycle without you there is specific guidance given in our Cycling to School Policy which we ask them to adhere to. This involves you requesting permission, using the school proforma (attached to the policy), for them to ride unaccompanied. Therefore, if you are happy for your child to cycle solo, please complete the 'Request for Cycle Permit' form and send it to the office as soon as you are able.

### PTA Meeting:

The virtual PTA meeting on Tuesday evening was productive. If you would like to become more actively involved in the PTA, please do so through class representatives or by contacting the Chair, Mrs Kristina Smith. The team are interested in hearing any fund-raising ideas you may have which can be organised safely under current restrictions. The next PTA meeting will be after half term. Please look out for the date which will be circulated by the committee.

### Lost Property:

Our thanks go again this week to Mrs Betts for washing lost property items that had been left in school prior to lockdown which has meant we have been able to return them to you this week. In future, please do name any item of clothing and any piece of equipment that you sent your child to school with and remain vigilant in checking labels on a regular basis to ensure names remain clear. We now no longer have a lost property box; in future, although we will make every effort to return lost items, it is likely that we will only be able to return items which are named.

### Individual Photographs:

Next week, on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the school photographer will be in school. The school is currently liaising with the photographer on how to manage this visit safely. On this occasion, individual photographs of the children will be taken. Unfortunately, owing to the current situation, it is not possible to take photographs of sibling groups. The children should arrive in school on Wednesday dressed smartly in full school uniform.

Extra-Curricular Clubs:

Thank you for responding in a timely fashion to the survey about extra-curricular clubs which went out on Friday. Your replies have allowed us to determine how to allocate clubs run by outside providers. However, some club providers require minimum numbers in order to operate. The timetable below assumes enough children have signed up to each session but until numbers are confirmed, we cannot at this stage guarantee that they will all run. If enough sign up, **clubs will run on a weekly basis unless otherwise stated below.**

Club:	Year Group:	Day/time:	Beginning on:	Location:	Additional Details:
Samurai, Kickboxing	Reception, Y1, Y2	Tuesday after school - times vary depending on year group	Currently running	Parish Centre	Please refer to the letter from Samurai for specific details and to sign up (already sent via email)
Samurai, Kickboxing	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Thursday after school - times vary depending on year group	Currently running	Parish Centre	Please refer to the letter from Samurai for specific details (already sent via email)
Choir	Y3	<b>Fortnightly</b> on Tuesdays at 8am	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	Children should arrive at 8am, enter school through the hall and make their way to the SHEL after washing their hands
Choir	Y4	<b>Fortnightly</b> on Thursdays at 8am	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	Children should arrive at 8am, enter school through the hall and make their way to the SHEL after washing their hands
Choir	Y5	<b>Fortnightly</b> on Tuesdays at 8am	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	Children should arrive at 8am, enter school through the hall and make their way to the SHEL after washing their hands
Choir	Y6	<b>Fortnightly</b> on Thursdays at 8am	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October (and fortnightly from then on)	SHEL	Children should arrive at 8am, enter school through the hall and make their way to the SHEL after washing their hands
Enterprise	Y5	Monday 3pm to 4pm	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 classroom	Please see flyer (already sent via email) for additional information
Spanish	To be confirmed Please look out for information from Mrs Pow who is in the process of organising her classes with the aim of conducting lessons in school face to face this term.				
Pro-Direct Football	Y1	Friday 3:20 – 4:20pm (may have to be cancelled in poor weather)	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up
Pro-Direct Football	Y2	Friday 2:55 – 3:55pm (may have to be cancelled in poor weather)	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up
Pro-Direct Football	Y3 & Y4	Friday 3:30 – 4:30pm (may have to be cancelled in poor weather)	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up
Pro-Direct Football	Y5 & Y6	Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm (may have to be cancelled in poor weather)	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	School field	Please refer to the letter from the team for specific details and to sign up
Sewing	Y2	Friday 2:55 – 3:55pm	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 classroom	Please refer to the letter for specific details and to sign up
Sewing	Y3	Friday 3:30 – 4:30pm	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 classroom	Please refer to the letter for specific details and to sign up

Please note all registration forms and payments for clubs must be sent directly to the provider and not handed into the school office.

Clubs will finish at the time stated, with our external providers handing your child over to you at the side gate where you ordinarily pick them up. In order to help us keep bubbles apart, please arrive promptly at the time stated so we can be sure all children from one bubble have departed before a new bubble arrives for their hand-over. It would be most helpful if you could leave promptly with your child/children and avoid congregating around the gate.

**Additional information about how clubs will operate may be sent out to you by providers once you have signed your child up and once it can be determined that enough numbers mean clubs can start. Please look out for these emails in the coming days to be sure clubs can start on the date indicated above.**

Now this timetable has been established, we can add in clubs which staff will run. This list will be published in the next couple of weeks in the hope that all clubs will be up and running after half term. We will aim to be fair in the way clubs are allocated but always our priority will be to provide safe provision with bubbles isolated from each other. Thank you for your patience as we continue to find ways of introducing things in a safe and organised manner.

#### Lunch:

The distribution of grab-bags is working well. From next week, we will be introducing a new menu which includes hot food that can still be delivered to classrooms in a 'grab-bag'. The choices vary from hot fishfinger sandwiches to a hot roast chicken baguette. The menu is attached and can also be viewed on the school website. If you wish to order a school lunch for your child, you should still continue to do so from home; you will be charged through your Scopay account (if applicable).

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning:

Each year we show our support of Macmillan during their coffee morning appeal with a cake sale. This year, for obvious reasons we are unable to carry this out. Therefore, we will be doing something different. Next Friday (25<sup>th</sup> September) your child is invited to come to school replacing one element of their uniform with something green. This could be a green hair clip, a green tie, a pair of green socks. The more subtle, the better as the challenge during the day will be to spot what each child has done to 'go green'. To take part in the game, they should also bring to school a donation, I would suggest £1. Any money raised will be sent to the charity to support them in the wonderful work they do.

#### Homework:

As I explained last week, homework this year will be disseminated through Google Classroom which the majority of you are familiar with. Task will be completed in homework exercise books; your child can either answer directly into their book or print off activity sheets and answer on them before trimming and sticking the sheet into their book. This week, Reading Lists will be posted and next week Maths Booklets will also appear. Booklets will be posted that are relevant for your child's year group along with booklets designed specifically for the year below and above. The purpose of this is to provide support and challenge. If you have any difficulty accessing homework tasks, please do email the school office.

This week you will also find class newsletters written by your child's teacher posted on the platform. These too can be located on our website.

Today, we shared our new school charter which the children have been creating over the last couple of weeks. In connection with our new set of rules, I have set them all an additional homework task this weekend which I hope they enjoy completing. This was also shared with them today. They should decorate a pebble with an image that reflects what's in our charter. These will be placed along the front path as a reminder of what we have all signed up to; if they can be varnished it will ensure they remain weather-proof. We hope to see beautifully decorated pebbles appearing over the next couple of weeks.

#### Teaching Assistant Vacancy:

As you might have seen last week, we are looking to recruit an additional member to our team. If you are interested in the position of Teaching Assistant, please see our website for details.

I do hope that you and your family have a happy and safe weekend remembering to socially distance!

Anna Smith

## CALENDAR DATES

23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	School Photographs
25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	MacMillan Event (to be confirmed)
28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Henley Virtual Festival (Year 6)
29 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Henley Virtual Festival (Year R, 1 & 2)
30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Henley Virtual Festival (Year 3 & 4)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Henley Virtual Festival (Year 5)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Nasal Flu Immunisation (All Years) details to follow
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Deadline for Secondary School Applications (Sept 2021)
26 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	BucksCC Transfer Practice Test (11+)
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	BucksCC Transfer Test (11+)