



Measham C of E News

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you so much for your support this week as we continue to get back into the routine of school! I think the children are now beginning to get tired as they are out of the habit of getting up for school each day...this is where we really get to develop our resilience character muscles!! We recommend the usual for this; plenty of sleep, drink lots of water, eat a healthy diet and try not to spend too much time after school on electronic devices – it's always good to plug in devices over night outside bedrooms so that children get an undisturbed night's sleep.

Welcome to our new EYFS class!

Community Kindness

We are four weeks into the Autumn Term and we have now had a number of children who have had symptoms of Covid and have had to go off for a test. I am pleased to say that no pupils (or staff) have tested positive to date, which is a huge relief.

More than ever before, we all need to work together to protect our children, the staff and families and friends. Remember if your child develops non- COVID symptoms, i.e. cold, blocked nose etc. It is **your responsibility** to decide whether they are well enough to attend school. If they come to school, we will assume that they are well enough to be in school and will monitor them if the non-Covid symptoms are mentioned. All children are encouraged to use the preventative measures to help minimise the spread of germs.

If they are not well enough to attend school, you must follow the usual procedure. Call the office to say that your child will not be in school and give the reason.

Displaying ANY of the Covid symptoms

If your child develops any of the three main COVID symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **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

you **MUST** request a COVID test immediately. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I know that the difficulties with testing have been widely discussed in the media this week, but our school experience has been that test results have been coming back quite quickly, enabling families to return to normal life after only a short period in isolation.

So if you have any symptoms, seek advice from the NHS and get a test...and don't forget to inform the school office!

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Face Coverings

This week, we were notified by the Director of Public Health and the Director of Children and Family Services at Leicestershire County Council, that face coverings should be worn by parents and carers at school pick up and drop off with immediate effect. We understand that there may be some parents/carers who are exempt, but we ask that where possible, adults dropping off and collecting children wear a face covering.

Staff outside at drop off and collection will now wear visors for their own safety. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Nuts in school

We have several children in school who have severe nut allergies and it is important to remember that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. This means that lunchboxes should **not** contain items that contain any nuts; this includes Nutella type spreads.

Updating personal information/records

Please can you let the school office know as soon as possible if your personal details have changed so that our records can be updated.

Parents Evening

Due to coronavirus, we will not be able to run face-to-face parents' evening this Autumn Term. We will send home a settling in report on Monday 12th October and your child's class teacher will be calling you for a telephone meeting before the end of October (not during half term).

Harvest

This half term we would ordinarily be walking to church to celebrate Harvest and inviting parents and carers to join us. However, due to the current Covid crisis we will not be able to celebrate this in the usual way. We still aim to mark the festival by celebrating in school and we will also be collecting for local charities. Look out for more information on the next newsletter.

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

Please make sure that your child brings a drink to school every day. The water fountains are unfortunately closed to due Covid and it is important that all children have access to a drink. Water bottles can be and are being refilled when necessary during the day by the support staff.

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