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COVID update

Re: Recent Covid-19 UK Health Security Agency update

Children with Covid-19

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

Living with someone who has Covid-19 and close contacts

Children and young people who are asymptomatic but, live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend their educational setting as normal.

As a school we will continue to focus our Covid-19 risk assessment on the Governments four control areas:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lenten Charities

Easter Egg Raffle

Year 3 will be organising our annual Easter Egg raffle in aid of the Good Shepherd Fund. You can find out more about the work of this local charity here. <https://hallam-diocese.com/caritas/good-shepherd/>

Mission Together

Year 1 will be organising an Easter Bonnet Competition to raise money for Mission together. This will be £1 per entry and will run in the week beginning 4th April.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st March – No Cycling for Year 3 this week

Tuesday 22nd March – Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph

Tuesday 22nd March – Basketball Year 3&4 registered children only

Tuesday 22nd March – Gardening Foundation Stage (new group of registered children only)

Wednesday 23rd March – Y6 Booster class 3-4pm.

This will continue until SATs week

Wednesday 23rd March – Y1/2 Football - registered children only

Thursday 24th March – VEX

Friday 25th March – Own Clothes Day in exchange for Easter Eggs

Friday 1st April – F2 Eye Tests

Friday 1st April – Young Voices Rehearsal

Monday 4th April – F2/Y6 Palm Sunday assembly

Friday 8th April – school closes for Easter Holiday

Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May – Y6 SATs Week

Lent

We are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time we prepare for Jesus' Death and Resurrection at Easter. In Lent we pray, fast and give to help us grow in love for Jesus.

The children in school are on a Lent journey during their outdoor learning forest school sessions. We are using the following prayer in school. Please join us in prayer at home by using this with your children.

During Lent, our Mini Vinnies would like to reintroduce Foodbank Friday over Lent. If you have any good cupboard items please drop these off at the gate on Friday mornings.

Many thanks for the huge support shown for Toiletry Tuesday in aid of the Rotherham Ukraine Appeal. Please see the note from our Mini Vinnies below if you would like to continue or participate further. Toiletries can be dropped off in school on Tuesday mornings.

Next Tuesday Faith in Action will be hosting a toiletries collection point. These are for Ukrainian people evacuating the country. These donations will be sent to Poland. Basic utilities are needed most, such as menstruation products for women, baby nappies, shampoo, medical resources, baby wipes etc. Tablets are in need too. Bandages and plasters are in need. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Attendance

Congratulations to F1 with an attendance of 99% this week

Whole school attendance 94%

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school and to establish positive life habits necessary for future success. Pupils cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend school. Our school target is to keep attendance at, or above, 96 percent throughout the year.

Jess Cup

Congratulations to Jaime Lea Patton who is this week's winner of the Jess Cup.



F2/Y6 Palm Sunday Assembly

F2 and Y6 will lead our Palm Sunday Assembly on Monday 4th April at 2.30pm. We warmly invite **parents/carers of F2/Y6 children** to attend.

This will be our first invitation to an indoor event for parents/carers since the start of the pandemic is a first step in our plan to move forward safely. We ask that families limit attendance to 2 adults per child and that parents/carers text school to confirm their attendance so that we can plan accurately. Adults should not attend on the day if they are experiencing any COVID symptoms or have tested positive within the last five days of the date.

Masks are not required but you may choose to wear one. Please note that in the event of an outbreak in school or a rise in infection rate, we may have to cancel attendance.

Uniform

Children should wear full school uniform every day except on Forest School and PE days when outdoor PE kit should be worn.

School uniform is black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts (not leggings), white polo shirt and royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt, black or grey socks or tights and plain black shoes or trainers. **Please note that boots are not appropriate for the summer term and children should wear black shoes or trainers.**

Outdoor PE kit is black or navy tracksuit bottoms, plain white teeshirt and royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt. Children may choose to wear royal blue Forest School badged tops on Forest School/PE days only.

Long hair should be fastened back. No jewellery, nail polish or make up should be worn with the exception of one pair of small stud earrings and a watch (not smartwatch) or fitbit. Children must be able to remove earrings themselves for PE.