



West Heath Primary News

(24th September 2020)

THANK YOU for your continued support with following our school guidelines.

Please don't forget that children can be dropped off at the Rednal Road gate. It is quite easy to 'drop and go' without getting out of the car. It is also less busy.

Home time is running smoothly; thank you for keeping younger siblings with you while you wait.

Parent's Evening

Due to current restrictions, face to face meetings will not take place. However, class teachers will call parents during the coming week.

Calls will be made between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. These calls may appear as an 'unknown number' on your phone.

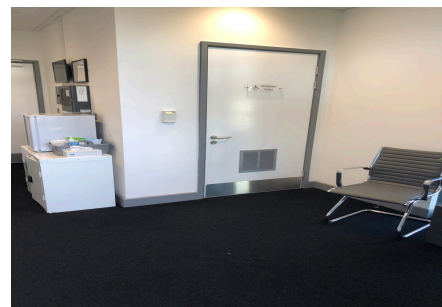
Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for the responses to our recent parent questionnaire. We will share the results of this with you via PING. We have addressed many of the points that were made and have answered your queries. Some parents asked about our procedure if a child gets ill whilst in school.

COVID 19 Procedures

What will happen if a child begins to display symptoms at school?

- If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough, or a high temperature, they must be sent home.
- A member of staff from the class bubble will take the child to the sterile isolation area in the school foyer.
- The school office will phone parents and will supervise children.
- If the child requires personal care, staff will wear Personal Protective Equipment (mask, gloves, apron and visor.)
- Children will be taken to their parent at the school gate by a member of SLT or office staff so that they can go home.
- They will be required to have a COVID 19 test.
- Parents will be required to inform the school of the result of the test.
- Children will not be allowed to come back to school until there is proof of a negative test result.



There is also a COVID 19 Absence from School Quick Guide attached to this Newsletter.

SCHOOL VALUES

This week we have been focussing on resilience. Our motto **ACCEPT, REFLECT, MOVE ON** can clearly be seen in the children's learning.

Next week's school values focus is Honesty:

'TELL THE TRUTH, TAKE THE TRUTH'

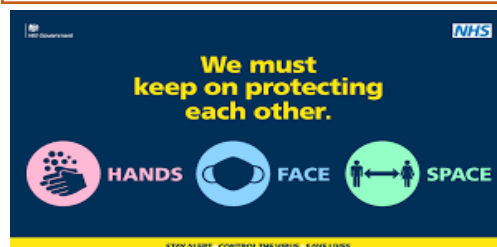
Please discuss with your children the meaning of the word 'honesty' and keep checking our school Twitter next week to see some of the children's work.







@westheathprim

Reminder

Social distancing on site is vital for everyone's safety. Please do not block paths or gather in groups. Parents may be to leave site if they continue to disregard the 'law!'







COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	...when child's test comes back negative, if they are NOT a known contact of a confirmed case, they feel well and they have not had a fever for 48 hours
 ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
 ...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
 ...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too or develop symptoms themselves 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • The child and fellow travellers self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>