

HIGHFIELD UPDATE Friday September 25th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to have children and staff affected by COVID 19 and the by testing system this week. I hope you find the reference chart at the end of my letter helpful in clarifying when you should keep your child at home.

Miss Elson in 5E tested positive for COVID 19. Luckily she is feeling well in herself and has mild symptoms. Her class is now in self-isolation and will return to school on Monday 5th October. Today, as she is feeling well in herself, Miss Elson is attempting to deliver some live lessons to her class at home using Microsoft Teams. She is also posting work for the children on Seesaw. I'm so proud of her for getting prepared so quickly for this very new way of teaching and I hope she will have more luck with technology than I always seem to have!

The Highfield staff are learning rapidly and hats off to them for embracing this new challenge so well. I always knew we had a great staff but this situation is really bringing out the best in all of us and we are working together and supporting each other brilliantly. Thank you parents for completing the office form sent home last week asking for your up to date primary contact e-mail address. This e-mail will be used should we have to deliver remote Microsoft Teams lessons if your class bubble has to self-isolate. If we don't have this up to date e-mail for you then we won't be able to invite your child to join the live lesson. We also won't be able to invite you to your parents' consultation meeting on Microsoft Teams in October and November. The office staff have been exceptional over the last few weeks. They are, of course, not GP receptionists or health advisors but they have found themselves talking to many, many parents and reminding them of COVID 19 symptoms and household isolation rules.

Reminders

PARENTS EVENING

Your booking window will open on Friday 2nd October and close the following Friday 9th October. Your class teacher will then send you a Microsoft Teams invitation to join the meeting. Please remember to RSVP to the meeting when you receive the invitation.

We are in autumn now and that means colder and wetter days. Please ensure your child has an appropriate warm, waterproof coat (zipped up when it is rainy or cold) with a hood or hat.

Please can I remind parents not to give things out to other parents after school on the school grounds. This causes gatherings and delays the flowing movement in the mornings and at home time.

Our individual class photograph day is booked for Wednesday 15th October

Please don't come too early to school or you will have to stand in the cold or rain as I must stick to my staggered timings.

Please keep following the rules (which you are all doing brilliantly) so I can keep Highfield children, parents and staff safe.

Good News

Some of our children painted pictures during the summer lockdown and they have been published in a magazine called Art Adventures in Lockdown. See year 5 section of the website.

Well done to Samuel Magyar, James Taylor, Isaac Tatham, Leo Goforth, Oliver Saha, Jasper Bissell, Rosie Davies Collins and Alice Wheatley.

All the children in years 2 – 6 have received their own individual paint box palettes so watch out for more super art this year.

The school peripatetic music teachers returned to school last Friday and it was lovely to hear live music coming from the school hall. Year 3 are also learning the ukulele this year (3T this term and 3H next term) and Mr. Potter is planning on starting his socially distanced orchestra after half term.

Kind regards

Julie Colley

Highfield Primary School Covid-19 Pupil Absence Reference Guide.

What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to school :
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature or, • a new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) or • a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste. 	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.</p> <p>Get a test.</p> <p>Inform and show school test result outcome ASAP.</p>	<p>If the test comes back negative.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for covid-19.</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Contact school to inform us</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for return (minimum 10 days from symptoms or test date).</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.</p>	<p>After 10 days when they feel better and have no fever. Can attend if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell (these symptoms can last for several weeks).</p>
<p>My child tests negative.</p>	<p>Contact school.</p>	<p>As soon as possible.</p>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to covid-19</p>	<p>Follow usual school absence procedure.</p>	
<p>Someone in my household has covid-19 symptoms.</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Self-isolate whole household for 14 days.</p> <p>Household member gets a test.</p>	<p>If the test comes back negative.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for covid-19.</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for return.</p> <p>(minimum 14 days from symptoms or test date).</p> <p>If your child develops symptoms within the 14 day isolation period they must isolate for at least another 10 days from the date they developed symptoms.</p>	<p>After 14 days from start of symptoms or test date if the child does not develop symptoms.</p> <p>After at least another 10 days if your child develops symptoms within the 14 day isolation period.</p>

<p>NHS test and trace has identified that my child has been in close contact with someone with confirmed covid-19.</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for return (minimum 14 days from symptoms or test date).</p>	<p>After 14 days from contact date.</p>
<p>My child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for return (minimum 14 days from return date).</p>	<p>After 14 days from return date.</p>
<p>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Follow advice from your health care provider.</p>	<p>On advice from your health care provider.</p>