



St. Mary's News

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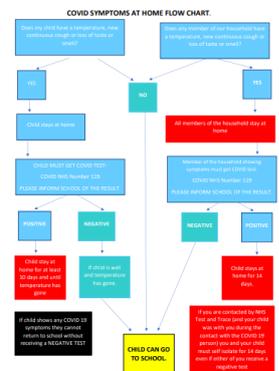
Positive Case and a Reminder of Procedures

As numbers of positive Coronavirus cases continue to rise in the local area, it is essential that we do all we can to protect our school community. Can we please reiterate the importance of following national guidance when deciding whether or not it is appropriate for your child to attend school, as once the virus is in the school community the only way of controlling its spread is to shut down bubbles. This will impact significantly, not only on our children's, staff's and possibly a family member's health, but on the children's emotional well-being and their educational development as well.

There is a flow chart on the school's website (under the Coronavirus tab) that may clarify the guidance for you, but ultimately your child should **NOT** be sent into school if:

- they have had a test and are awaiting results** (whether symptomatic or not)
- a member of their immediate family has symptoms**
- a member of their immediate family is awaiting test results.**

A child should not be sent into school until the outcome of testing is known. **If your child, or an immediate family member, has taken a test can you please let school know. Can you also let school know the outcome of the test, as early as possible after receiving the result.**



If a bubble does have to shut, siblings of children in the bubble must still attend school (unless there is a valid medical reason). Siblings only need to be kept at home if their brother or sister in the burst bubble starts to display symptoms. Our children have missed enough teaching time without being absent unnecessarily. If their bubble then bursts, it will lead to a further significant gap in their education.

If parents/family members begin to display symptoms during the school day, the children must be collected from school immediately in order to reduce the risk to their bubble.

If a child starts to display symptoms whilst in school, there is an expectation that they will be collected from school as quickly as possible after their parents are contacted.

Parents' Evenings Wed 14th and Wed 21st October

Thank you to those of you who have contacted the office to arrange a day and phone time slot for Parents' Evening. If you have yet to do so and have any concerns about your child and would like to discuss these with your child's teacher, please email the school office, by Tuesday 13th at the latest, with your favoured date (either the 14th or 21st) and a preferred time slot (3.50—4.20, 4.30—5.00, 5.10—5.40 or 5.50—6.30pm).



Appointments will then be made and an email confirming the date and time will be sent to you. Year 6 parents have been sent details about arrangements for their Parents' Evenings.

Please note that staff will only be available on the dates given above and during the times stated.

In order for the Parents' Evenings to run smoothly, staff will need to keep to their appointment times and calls will be kept to a maximum of 10 mins. Parents must also be available, at the allocated time, to answer the phone. If you do not answer, staff will be unable to contact you at any other time, as this will delay the remaining phone calls to parents who are waiting.

Home Learning/Remote Learning

As numbers of Coronavirus infections continue to rise, there is every possibility that individual children, a class bubble or the whole school will need to self-isolate or there may be a local lockdown, for a period of time. Therefore, during this period of uncertainty, the school has put in place a plan for remote learning, so that all children can continue with their education. Our Home Learning plan has two different steps.

HOME
LEARNING

DAY ONE OF CLOSURE OR ABSENCE (Step One)

In order to allow school the time to respond to any closures or absences due to COVID-19, home learning activities will only be uploaded onto your child's Dashboard on day 2.

The following tasks should be completed by the children on day 1:

- Key Stage 2 Children - 2 x 15 minute sessions on Times Tables Rock Stars (Every child has their own log in.) Activity will be monitored by staff.
- Key Stage 1 Children - as above with 2's, 5's and 10x tables or Numbots.
- Choose a book from either Purple Mash (Serial Mash) and read the first 2 chapters - completing the chapter summaries/tasks after each chapter or choose a book from Oxford Owl free eBooks and read 2 chapters from this book instead. After each chapter write a summary about what has happened in the chapter. You can use your home learning book for this. All eBooks are tablet friendly. You just need to register, for free, to get started.
- Go to pobble365.com (this is free) and take a look at the picture of the day.
- Key Stage 1 children - write 5 sentences about the picture using lots of great describing words. (Y2 children could write a short story if able.)
- Key Stage 2 children - complete the tasks under Question Time, Perfect Picture, Story Starter, Sentence Challenge and Sick Sentences. You can upload your work onto your Scrapbook tab of your pupil page on the website or use your home learning book.

HOME LEARNING DAY TWO ONWARDS(Step Two)

From Day 2 onwards, your child will be able to access home learning activities on their own personal Dashboard on the school website (under pupil log in tab).

Home Learning Record books; passwords for online learning platforms and a step by step guide to accessing our new home learning platform have been sent home tonight (just in case they are needed—Hopefully they won't be!).

Many of our KS2 children have been shown how to access their home learning page, but the younger children, and some of the older ones, will need an adult to sit with them, at first, to help them to navigate through the pages.

If your child does need to access their pupil dashboard and you are having problems, give school a ring and someone will be able to talk you through the process.

If you are unable to access online learning, let school know and a work pack will be put together for you to collect from the school office.





First Holy Communion

Twelve Year 5 children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday. The children are very excited and are really looking forward to receiving this special sacrament.

Although the Mass will be very different from previous years, we are certain that it will be a lovely day for the children and their families. We ask you to keep the communicants and their families in your thoughts and prayers this weekend.

Just a reminder that the Mass will be at 11.15am. Families are asked to arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before the start of Mass and please remember that Mass must only be attended by those family members living in your home. No other family members will be able to attend due to Government restrictions on households mixing.



Half-Term

Holiday Club

We are really disappointed to say that due to the rising levels of Coronavirus cases in the North West we are unable to host the planned half-term holiday club. The decision was not taken lightly, but after consultation with the LA and Public Health, school felt that this was the safest decision to make in order to ensure that our children are not mixing with others.



Glow in the Dark

Football

After half-term we will be running 3 Glow in the Dark Football Clubs for Y1/2, Y4/5 and Y6. If your child would like to participate, see the Sport4Kids letter on the bottom of your child's class page on the website. Y3 will have the opportunity to take part in clubs after Christmas.



Squash that



Flu Vaccinations

The majority of our school children received their flu vaccinations today—they were all very brave!

Our Year 6 children, and any other children who were absent today, will receive their jab on Wednesday 21st October.

In order to receive the vaccination, consent forms must be returned to school before Monday 19th October.

A Thought to End the Week



Life always offers a second chance.

It is called TOMORROW!





Our Celebration Page



Bucket Fillers (Bucket fillers are children who fill other people's buckets with kind words and deeds. They are shining examples to others around them.)



Mrs Talbot-Davies has chosen Howie as her Bucket Filler this week. She says that Howie is an absolute star. He is kind and caring towards others; has lovely manners and always tries his very, very best. Wow Howie! What lovely qualities you have.
Mrs Hymers has chosen Elliot (Y2) for his lovely, sunny nature. Well done to both boys.



Good Work Stars

A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their super work week.

- Rec Emily McK - for independent writing
- Year 1 George - for excellent maths work using more than and less than symbols
- Year 2 Ewan - for super writing about his emotions
- Year 3 Alex - for great poetry work
- Year 4 Max - for brilliant writing
- Year 5 Lexie - for outstanding addition work

Class Attendances for the Week

Reception	94.35%
Year 1	99.05%
Year 2	99.18%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	98.70%
Year 5	89.39%
Year 6	Bubble closed

Star Pupil Award



Well done Y3 and thumbs up to Y1 and Y2



	Matthew House Winner	Mark House Winner	Luke House Winner	John House Winner	Overall Star Pupil
Rec	Abir	Olivia	Thomas B	Rosie	Abir
Year 1	Lyla	Jennifer	Evie	Jessica	Lyla
Year 2	Scarlett	Daisy	Harry	Lucas	Harry
Year 3	Annabelle	Malachy	Andrew	Ewan	Andrew
Year 4	Emilia	Heidi	Olivia M	Sophie	Sophie
Year 5	Deacon	Declan	Leon	Saskia	Leon

A big well done to our star pupils. Remember to return your trophy on Monday. Thank you

