



A huge welcome back to all the children returning to us. It is lovely to hear the sound of happy children chattering with their friends and seeing such smiley faces around the building again. We are really proud of how the children have settled in school, like they have never been away, albeit with the new restrictions in place.

A huge welcome is also extended to our new children joining us in Nursery, Preschool and Reception in addition to children in other year groups who have moved from a different school/area. We hope you have enjoyed your first week with us and are getting to know your teachers and peers. We appreciate how difficult this must have been for some of the children not being able to have visited us previously and knowing how strange everything must seem. All the children have been super resilient, and I am sure over the next couple of weeks children will settle further and enjoy getting to know all their new friends.

#### **HOMEWORK**

Homework and home reading will begin week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September. Homework will be digital using our APPs on Google Classroom. The focus will be on reading, spelling and timestables for year 2 to 6. Spelling Shed will be updated each week with your child's word list but the same list will also be sent via EDULINK.

If you would find it difficult for your child to complete work online, please request paper copies from your child's class teacher. All logins will be EDULINKED out to you. There will be one universal login for all the APPs.

Pupils who are currently being assessed and Reception to Year 2 have been moved over to our new Read Write Inc reading scheme. A separate information letter will be going out about this we are encouraging the use of our online reading resource Bug Club for Y3 – 6 and those in Y2 who do not need the Phonic based Read Write Inc system. You can request hard copies of books from your child's class teacher. These books will then be quarantined for 72 hours once returned to school

#### **HOME LEARNING FOR THOSE SELF ISOLATING**

The Government have asked schools to focus on remote home learning. You will be sent a Google Classroom login and an APPs login where you will find work updated each week.

If a whole class bubble had to isolate, then the class teacher will upload videos onto the Google Classroom.

If you need paper copies of work these will be available in the foyer each week and can be collected between 10am – 11am or 1:30pm – 2:30 pm by a family/friend who is not isolating. A mask will be need to be worn in the foyer.

Work is available to be picked up this week but please be patient for the online resources as we are currently in the process of Edulinking out the login details.

#### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR THOSE SELF ISOLATING**

St Helens Council will be providing the school with details later this week of how this will be organised.

**PE DAYS – Y1 – 6** - lessons start this week. EYFS lessons start w/c 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please check the table below for confirmation of your child's p.e. day. On your child's p.e. day he/she should come to school in their tracksuit and trainers/pumps. Children should wear a navy tracksuit or joggers and hoody. If your child already has a black tracksuit from last year and it still fits them, they may wear it this year. Please note we will phase the black tracksuit out over the next year. If you are experiencing difficulty obtaining a navy tracksuit at the moment, please do not worry children can just wear tracksuit pants/leggings with a sweatshirt for the next couple of weeks and then I am sure supermarkets/shops will have restocked.

DAYS	CLASSES
MONDAY	PRESCHOOL, 1RB, 3KY, 4PW, 4JH, BUTTERFLIES
TUESDAY	1ES, 2JF, 3GW, 3LM, 6SP
WEDNESDAY	1RJ, 2KJ, 5EB, 6KOB
THURSDAY	RLW, RAF, RLM, 2VM, 5NJ, NURTURE
FRIDAY	4LB, 5DB, 6LN

#### **MASKS/FACE COVERING**

Please wear a mask on entering the school premises. Only one person/family in the foyer at one time, please wait outside until the area is free.

Only 1 adult should attend when dropping off and collecting children, please wear a mask and do not approach staff.

Once you have collected your child(ren) please vacate the local school area straight away.

#### **BAGS**

Please do not send large bags/rucksacks in to school. A lunchbox for bringing a snack or a small drawstring bag or book bag will suffice. Most of the cloakrooms have been moved in to the classroom .

#### **REPORTING AN ABSENCE**

To report your child's absence please do so via the **REPORTING ABSENCE button on EDULINK**. If you are unsure of whether you should keep your child off school, due to possible covid 19 symptoms:

- . Keep your child off school for the morning
- . Report your child's absence via the **REPORTING ABSENCE BUTTON** with your child's symptoms

A member of the attendance team will then phone you back during the morning to further advise. **You must not report an absence by messaging your child's class teacher.**

**If you have a confirmed case of covid 19 i.e. your child or a member of your household has tested positive please contact Mrs Ireland via EDULINK ASAP.**

To clarify if your child has seasonal cold symptoms he/she does not have to stay off school with the common cold unless they develop specific Covid 19 symptoms:

**A HIGH TEMPERATURE - THIS MEANS FEEL HOT TO TOUCH ON YOUR CHEST/BACK**

**A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH - THIS MEANS COUGHING A LOT MORE THAN AN HOUR, OR 3 OR MORE COUGHING EPISODES IN 24 HOURS**

**A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL/TASTE. THIS MEANS YOU NOTICED YOU CANNOT SMELL OR TASTE ANYTHING OR THINGS SMELL OR TASTE DIFFERENT TO NORMAL**

If a child or member of your household has any of the 3 symptoms **ALL** of your household must isolate until the person with symptoms has a negative test result

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- 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

### Pupil displays symptoms

Pupil to be taken to the Covid-19 isolation area. they will be kept 2 metres away from anyone else.



Teacher to inform the Medical Assistant or a member of the office staff so they and their siblings can be collected.



### Staff member displays symptoms

Staff member to inform Mrs Ireland before leaving the school premises, avoiding contact with others



If teaching, staff member to wait until supervision has arrived for their class before leaving



Symptomatic pupil/staff member will be told by **Mrs Ireland**:

- To self-isolate for **at least 10 days** from the day they become ill
- To take a **coronavirus test** . **Book online NHS.uk/coronavirus** or call **119** if you do not have internet access. School has a small number of home testing kits for those who cannot drive.
- That members of their household should self-isolate for **14 days**. If the test comes back negative all of the household can stop isolating. If positive the household must continue to isolate until the 14 day period has finished.



Areas that the symptomatic individual has come into contact with will all be deep cleaned.

Symptomatic pupil (via their parents or carer)/staff member to inform the school (via Edulink or telephone 01744 678710 of the coronavirus test result as soon as possible



### If test is **negative**

The pupil/staff member can stop self-isolating and return to school if they feel well and no longer have symptoms, and members of their household can stop self-isolating. Other pupils/staff in their group can continue to stay in school, unless they display symptoms

### If test is **positive**

The school will contact the local health protection team, who'll carry out a rapid risk assessment. Based on the team's advice, the school will ask pupils or staff who had close contact with the person when they were infectious to self-isolate for **14 days** from the day they were last in close contact

If pupils or staff who are asked to self-isolate develop symptoms, they should get tested and inform the school of the result as soon as possible. Even if the result is negative, they should remain isolated for the full **14 days**

If there are 2 or more confirmed cases in 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus is suspected, the school will contact the local health protection team again to decide next steps

### Got coronavirus symptoms?

**1 Start isolating** : You for 10 days  
Household for 14 days

**2 Book a test** : NHS.uk/coronavirus  
Or call 119

Negative  
for COVID-19

Positive  
for COVID-19

- Household stops isolating immediately
- You stop isolating if you feel well

**3 Share contacts**  
via NHS Test and Trace

If you have been in close contact  
with someone who tests positive

**1 You may be alerted by  
NHS Test and Trace**

**2 Isolate for 14 days after  
close contact**

If you develop symptoms

**3 Book a test** : Household isolates  
for 14 days

Negative  
for COVID-19

Positive  
for COVID-19

- Household stops isolating immediately
- You complete 14 day isolation

- You begin new 10 day isolation
- Household completes 14 day isolation