



# Newsletter

## Week Ending Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Team of the Week

This week's team of the week are;

P16: Brian, Matthew and Imran

KS4: Isobel

KS3: Drew, Birch Class and William

Primary: Amy, Madison, Ilia and Kurtis

Well done!

### Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

To be eligible applicants must meet all the criteria that:

- they are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- they are employed or self-employed
- they cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- they meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment

That their child or young person:

- is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)) and normally attends an education or childcare setting
- has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

## **Covid Symptoms**

As Government restrictions are gradually easing it is important that we continue to do everything we can to reduce transmission of covid19.

If your son/daughter, or anyone in your household or childcare bubble develop a new persistent cough, a high temperature or a change/loss of taste or smell they may be showing signs of Covid19. Your whole household should immediately self-isolate and seek a PCR test to confirm. **A home test LFT test is not sufficient.** They are only for asymptomatic cases **NOT** if they are showing symptoms. If a test is positive the whole household must self-isolate for 10 days from the start of the symptoms.

## **Online Safety**

We have been informed of several incidents occurring online with our pupils which are impacting on their learning. Please can we remind all parents/carers to regularly check/monitor what your child is accessing and who they are speaking to online. If you need support putting parental controls on devices, please contact the school so we can provide help and support.

## **HeadLice**

It has come to our notice that there is an outbreak of head lice within the school. Could you please check very carefully and if your child is scratching or if you see any signs (white eggs or small black insects) in your child's hair, you need to take appropriate action.

NHS Direct recommends either 'wet combing' or treatment with a medicated lotion; detailed information can be found on their website [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk) the wet combing treatment is as follows: wash the hair as normal before liberally applying conditioner to wet hair. Comb the hair through first with a normal comb and then with a fine tooth nit comb. You should work from root to tip and work methodically over the whole head for at least 30 minutes. Then rinse the hair as normal and repeat every 3 days for at least 2 weeks. This treatment method may be more difficult in younger children whose hair is much finer.

Otherwise it is recommended to use an over the counter medicated lotion, your local Pharmacist who will be able to recommend a suitable treatment or you may wish to visit your GP who will be able to prescribe this on the NHS. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Threadworms**

It has also been brought to our attention that there is a case of threadworms in the school. Although not harmful they are easily spread from person to person especially in younger children. Threadworms are white and look like a small piece of thread. You may notice them around your child's bottom or in your child's stools (poo). Threadworms don't always cause symptoms, but some people notice itchiness in and around the bottom area especially at night. You can treat threadworms yourself with medication available at pharmacies. However, treatment does not kill the eggs laid by threadworms. Good hygiene is the only way to prevent the eggs from spreading and causing further infection. If you are concerned your child may have threadworms contact your local pharmacy or G.P or for further information, go to [www.nhsdirect.co.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.co.uk)

## **PFA News**

The Easter Hampers are ready and look amazing. Tickets are on sale at 3 for £1. Please support the PFA and send in cash in an envelope to the school office for your tickets with your child's name and 'Raffle' on the front of the envelope. We will return your tickets to you and the draw will take place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. There is a variety of edible goodies in the hamper as well as activities to entertain over the holidays.

All proceeds will go to the PFA. It is unfortunate that we are still not able to have any face to face events at the moment, but we are all looking forward to that time. The Christmas Hamper raffle was well received, and money made for the PFA to spend when the time is right.



Thank you in advance for your support and good luck.

## **Dates for the Diary 2020-21**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – Term 4 Ends  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Term 5 Starts  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Term 5 Ends  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Term 6 Starts  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – In-Service Day  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Last Day for Pupils  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – In-Service Day

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