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Dear Parents

Parents Evening

Parents afternoon/evening is on Tuesday 16th November and appointments can be booked from 8:30am on Tuesday 9th November. Please see full information at the end of this Newsletter.

Uniform/School Clothing

Could you please ensure all uniform, coats, PE kits and school clothing are clearly marked with your child's name so we can reunite lost items with their owners!

BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need is on Friday 19th November this year. Children may come to school in non-uniform that day for a £1 donation to this very worthy cause. Please do not send money into school – all donations should be made via ParentPay using the following link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4333>

The school kitchen will also be having a 'Pudsey Themed Dinner' of Pudsey pizza and chips or fish fingers and chips and Pudsey biscuit. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a Pudsey dinner, please contact the school office to order one and pay via ParentPay. The cost is £2.15 for those children not in receipt of free school meals. (Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Infant Universal Free School Meals so do not pay too)

Flu Immunisation

If you declined the flu vaccination for your child due to the porcine content of the nasal spray there is now a non-porcine gelatine vaccine available. If you wish your child to receive this vaccine please contact the school immunisation team on hdft.immunisationsteam@nhs.net to book onto a community clinic.

If your child missed the nasal immunisation and you would like them to have this, please contact the consent Line: 01423 557693 and they can offer you an appointment when they have them arranged.



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COVID Update

There has been a large increase in the number of children and young people in County Durham testing positive for COVID-19 and the highest case rates are in school age children. This is leading to spread of COVID-19 within families and into older age groups.

The increase in COVID-19 cases in children is disrupting their education, affecting schools and has an impact on the wider community.

We have received recommendations from Durham County Council's Public Health team and have decided to re-introduce the following measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in school:

- The use of face coverings in communal areas for all adults
- Open days and events will move to a virtual format
- To cancel or postpone whole school events e.g. assemblies (at present we are holding Key Stage assemblies only)
- PCR testing for all adults and pupils if they are a close contact of a positive case in their household*.
- Daily LFT testing at home for 7 days for any adult or pupil in key stage 2 (year 3) or above who is a household contact of a positive case and is exempt from isolation and continues to attend school. The testing of primary age pupils is at parental discretion. Testing should start from the day the household member has symptoms or if they don't have symptoms from when they tested positive*
- Continued attention will be given to ventilation, cleaning and respiratory and hand hygiene –a caretaker will remain on site throughout the school day.

At present the children are seated in year groups in the dinner hall and the start and end times for pupils are slightly staggered. Should the national or local situation deteriorate further then bubbles may be re-introduced.

*Note: People who have tested positive with a PCR test within the last 90 days should not be encouraged to test unless they develop new symptoms

Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.



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LFD Testing advice

We would recommend you have a supply of LFD testing kits at home in the event you are requested to use them. You can order home testing kits to be delivered to your home here www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Or you can collect LFD kits at Community Collect sites across the County. To find your nearest collection point please enter your post code here maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk

If you pick up tests from a pharmacy, you may be asked for a 'collect code' this helps the NHS match your details to the tests. To get a 'collect code' please visit test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits

Please register the result of your home test at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child does develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. Book a free PCR test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test . If positive, your child should isolate for 10 full days after their symptoms appeared.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at 111.nhs.uk/ or by phoning 111.

If your child has a positive test result but does not have symptoms they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

You must always register the result of your home test at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result



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Help, support, and further information.

To help you comply with the requirement to self-isolate, the County Durham Together Community Hub can provide access to essential supplies, financial support and emotional support as well as other services. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help or call the Community Hub on 03000 260260 for further details.

There is also support available the coronavirus section via durhamlocate.org.uk

Finally, we would like to thank you for everything you've done to keep your family and community safe, and for your patience in continuing to support our school during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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Parents Afternoon/Evening - Online Appointment Booking

I would like to invite you to attend our Virtual Parents' Afternoon/Evening on Tuesday 16th November 2021.

The school has introduced a new intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. We are confident this will be an improvement to the previous system and welcome any feedback.

Appointments can be made from 9th November 08:30am and will close on 16th November at 2:30pm Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://sherburnprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. (A short guide on video appointments can be found at <https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call> .)

Login with the following information:

Student's First Name

Student's Surname

Class - please make sure you use the following:

- Reception (Mrs Parkin) **Class 1**
- Year 1 (Miss Cornforth) **Class 2**
- Year 2 (Ms Gunn) **Class 3**
- Year 3 (Mrs Cox) **Class 4**
- Year 4 (Mrs Gregory) **Class 5**
- Year 5 (Miss Wilkinson) **Class 6**
- Year 5/6 (Mrs Cort) **Class 7**

If you have any problems making your appointment or do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf or to arrange a phone call with your child's class teacher at a mutually convenient time.



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