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Newsletter - Friday 12th March 2021

Parents Evening:

Due to the current situation, we are unable to hold parents evening in the normal way. However, we are offering video appointments with your child's class teacher. If you have not yet booked your appointment and wish to do so, please click on the link below login and book your appointment by Monday 15th March 2021 before 3:00pm. Thank you.

<https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

As the children will only have been back to school for 2 weeks when the meetings take place, the staff will be discussing how they have settled back into the school routine. We have not planned full timetables in order to gently support children back into the routine of learning. Teachers will be able to answer any questions you may have in relation to their return to full-time education.

The curriculum will remain flexible across the rest of this term and throughout the Summer Term. Lessons in foundation subjects may be taught in blocks, teaching groups will be flexible so that any gaps in learning identified can be targeted and there will be a focus on maths and English. Reading will continue to be a priority.

Red Nose Day:

On Friday 19th March children can come to school dressed in their own clothes and wear their 'Superhero' t-shirt they decorated in school should they wish to. Instructions for caring for the t-shirts the children have decorated and brought home today have been sent via School Gateway.

Due to the risk of COVID transmission we will **NOT** be allowing children to bring red noses into school. Children will take part in Red Nose Day activities throughout the day.

Times Table Rock Stars Rock Down Relief:

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, in any game mode from games played between 9.30am and 3pm on Friday 12th to Thursday 18th inclusive, your child will earn their class a point. Certificate and prizes to be won!

We can also help TT Rock Stars raise £5000 for Red Nose Day. Pupils can use their TTRS coins to buy a virtual Red Nose Day nose for their avatar and TT Rock Stars will donate 5p!

Reading Books:

Children will be able to access reading books on our learning platform - Showbie. Purple Mash and Oxford Owl books will be posted in your child's folder. Please post comments/leave voice notes. Thank you.

Questionnaire: Learning experiences during Lockdown:

Thank you to everyone that has already completed the online questionnaire regarding your child's learning experience during Lockdown. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please click the link below and complete by Wednesday 17th March 2021. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fYEj2f9qj0uKbelSCG1X7saVIGNjCqhEltyL99uuLCIUMVAYV0dMQksyRkIOREkxRThIMzJHMzNNOCQIQCNOPWcu>



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Ventilation:

As guidance states the classrooms will be well ventilated with doors and windows open so if you want to send an extra cardigan or fleece for your child to wear in the classroom until the weather improves, please do so.

COVID Reminder:

Please can we remind you that if an adult or other member of the household is going for a COVID test you must not send your child into school while you wait for the results. Please all stay at home until you receive your results.

Safeguarding:

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our children, please contact Mrs Murray on 07469 402630.

DFE advice for 'Travelling to school safely':

As part of your ongoing communications with your pupils and their parents, you may wish to share the following messages on how pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
- wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
- social distance where possible
- wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

Further information can be found in our [guidance on transport to school and other places of education](#). The Department for Transport has also created [resources](#) that can be downloaded and used by education settings to promote safe travel to school.

DFE Rapid Lateral Flow Tests:

From 1 March [2021](#), if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Get a test through your employer

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)



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Collect test kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Order home test kits online

If you cannot get tested at your workplace or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

What twice-weekly testing involves

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test

[Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended