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Newsletter - Friday 5th March 2021

Full School re-opening Monday 8th March:

Please see last week's [Return to School newsletter](#) for all information regarding the return to school on 8th March. A [video](#) has also been produced and posted on Facebook and the school website detailing the information you will need for Monday.

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 symptoms:

If you or a member of your household experiences COVID symptoms, please book a PCR test. Do not use one of the Lateral Flow tests as these are designed to be used when there are no symptoms.

World Book Day:

Well done to everyone who took part in the potato competition for World Book Day - all of the entries were fantastic! The winners are:

Reception: Goldilocks & the Three Bears - Poppy Whitehead

Yr 1: Chronicles of Narnia - Jacob Brawshaw

Yr 2: Mr Bump - Chloe Maltby

Yr 3: The Twits - Ryan Cooper

Yr 4: The Smeds & The Smoos - Eve Dickinson

Yr 5: Shrek - Rachel Dodd

Yr 6: Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Gabby Todd

The pictures of the winning potato designs will be posted on our school Facebook page!

Reading Books:

Reading books will not be sent home in the short term due to the current COVID situation. We continue to have access online to Oxford Owl and Purple Mash e-books. The expectation is that ALL children need to read at least 10 mins each day at home - reading the books their teachers have identified for them on Purple Mash or Oxford Owl. Please leave a voice note or comment on Showbie each Monday and Thursday. Thank you.

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.

Return of Devices:

If you have borrowed a device from school for your child's Remote learning, please see the table below informing you the date to return it. Please only return your device on the date allocated to avoid congestion at



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the office. Please wear a face covering and adhere to social distancing. Ensure your device is fully charged so it can be checked on return. If you have borrowed a charger, please also remember to return the charger also.

IMPORTANT: the device MUST be returned directly to the school office by an adult to be signed back into school. DO NOT send the device to class with your child. Thank you.

Monday 8 th March 2021	Year 1 - AM	
Tuesday 9 th March 2021	Year 2 - AM	
Wednesday 10 th March 2021	Year 3 - AM	Year 4 - PM
Thursday 11 th March 2021	Year 5 - AM	Year 6 - PM
Friday 12 th March 2021	Reception - AM	

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

Parking:

Please ensure you are parked safely without blocking residents' driveways on Augusta Close. Thank you.