

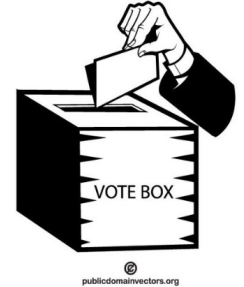


As you may have seen, unfortunately we have had to close our Year 5 bubble this week following positive COVID-19 tests for a member of staff and a pupil. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported us to ensure Year 5 got home quickly and safely yesterday. We cannot wait to have everyone from Year 5 back with us in a couple of weeks. We are fortunate that we have a very strong plan in place which means that our Year Group bubbles do not come into contact with staff and children in other years, so we are happy to have all the other year groups in school as normal. Please continue to support us and keep everyone safe by encouraging your children to regularly wash/sanitise their hands, keep social distancing ongoing and take any symptoms seriously.

Democracy day

We are so lucky to be living in a country where we have a fair and democratic system of Government and as part of our curriculum, children have had Democracy Day today in school. We have been talking about British Values with the pupils, discussing what makes a good School Councillor and outlining the process we will use to democratically elect a new Head Boy and Girl this term. Children have learnt that:

- Democracy is having a voice in making decisions - EYFS
- Democracy is making decisions that affect the way that a community is run – KS1
- Democracy is a system where citizens have a say in how the government is run by electing officials and casting votes - KS2



Respect Week

Next week in school we will be holding the first of our three focus weeks for the year looking at our school values and we will be looking at respect. Pupils will be taking part in discussions and activities explaining what respect is, what it looks like and why it's important. We will also be having a guest speaker in next Friday's virtual assembly from the Animal Aid charity to talk to the school about respect for animals

Contact details

Please make sure that the Office have your up to date contact details, especially mobile phone numbers and email addresses, in case we need to contact you if your child is unwell, or in the event of a bubble closing.



Hard workers

We are always so proud of the exceptional work that our pupils produce, and although it has been an unusual start to the year, everyone is already demonstrating a commitment to working hard and achieving their best. Thank you to parents and carers for the support you are giving your children when they are working at home, especially on Wednesday afternoons. We hope that the time you are spending with them is also helping you to gain a better understanding of what the children are learning.



Mrs Bains' SEND spotlight

A SEND register is a document a school uses to keep a track of who has special educational needs and what provision or support they receive in school. The decision about who will be put on the SEND register is made by the SENCo alongside various professionals that work with the school. A pupil is added to the SEND register if they are receiving any additional support in school. A child may also be added to the SEND register if they have a diagnosis that has been made by a doctor or healthcare professional. A common thought is that when a pupil is added to the SEND register, they will always be on the register, however this is untrue. Some pupils are added to the SEND register, receive targeted intervention and make great progress. If they then stop requiring that additional support they can be removed from the SEND register. If you have any concerns about your child and think they should be added to the SEND register and be receiving some extra support, please call the main office and ask to speak to the SENCo.

Uniform

It is always lovely to see the children in their new uniforms at the beginning of the year. Please remember that although pupils may wear their PE kit to school on PE days, they must be wearing full school uniform the rest of the time. Trainers are not part of school uniform, so unless it is a PE day, your child needs to be wearing proper school shoes. Leggings are not allowed—girls may wear tights or socks with skirts or dresses.

COVID-19 ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

If **ANYONE** in your house has the symptoms below, **EVERYONE** in the house must stay at home.

Book a test for the person who is ill and keep **EVERYONE** at home until the test result comes back.

If the test is positive and someone in the house has Covid-19, **EVERYONE** must stay at home for 14 days and not leave the house, except in an emergency.

If the test is negative, everyone may go back to school and work.

Please read the information below carefully and follow the instructions:

Covid-19 Symptoms in Child/ Member of Household

If your child or a family member has one or more of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – coughing a lot for over an hour or 3+ coughing episodes in 24hrs
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste



What Should You Do?

1. Inform the school via telephone
2. **Immediately isolate** and only leave the house to get a test.
3. Book your test for the household here:
<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/nhs>
4. Remain in self-isolation until you receive your test results.



Covid-19 Test Results:



- If there is a positive result within the household: Please follow our advice for a 'Confirmed Contact or Confirmed Case of Coronavirus'
- If everyone in the household is confirmed as negative: Your child must return to school with proof of negative result.

Confirmed Contact or Confirmed Case of Coronavirus

Please follow the below guidelines.

If Your Child is Confirmed to Have Coronavirus:

1. Inform school via telephone of positive test result
2. Send the test confirmation to the school as soon as possible
3. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days –from the date of the confirmed positive test.



If Your Child Has Been in Contact with Someone Who Has Coronavirus:

1. Inform the school via telephone
2. Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.
3. If after 14 days, your child has no symptoms, they must return to school.
4. If your child presents any symptoms during the 14 days, they need to get tested immediately.
5. If this test is positive, your child must isolate for 10 days from the date of the test.
6. If negative, your child must complete the initial 14 days isolation period



STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS HIGH TEMPERATURE OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?

FIND OUT HOW TO GET A TEST, AND HOW LONG TO ISOLATE AT:
nhs.uk/coronavirus

Safeguarding Information

Our Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils. We believe that everyone has an important part to play in child protection. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Francis, Mrs Mockbil, Mr Gordon or Miss Saboor. For your information, our Safeguarding Governor is Daniel Richards and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.