



As we enter the second half of the Autumn Term, this continues to be a challenging time for us while we head into new national restrictions. Throughout the pandemic, we have worked hard to ensure the health and wellbeing of our staff and our children and we will always put our school community first. Our school remains open. All pupils should continue to come to school unless they or someone in their household has tested positive for Coronavirus and everyone is self-isolating. We firmly believe that the best place for children is in school where they can continue with their learning and development. Please follow the new government guidance during lockdown and help us to ensure everyone's safety.

Inset day next Friday

Please note that Friday 13th November will be a staff training day when the school will be closed to pupils. Term dates and staff training dates are available on the website.

Face coverings

We ask that all adults coming onto site now wear a suitable face covering to help us to keep our school community safe. This will be in effect until further notice. When dropping off or collecting pupils, if you do not have a face covering, you will be asked to wait outside the school until the playground is quieter so that you do not come into contact with other families.



Fireworks

It will be so lovely this weekend to see the skies brightened with fireworks, but please speak to your children about firework safety following our assembly on Bonfire Night this week and always follow the firework code.



Full time Nursery places

It has been a wonderful first week of full days for some of our Nursery pupils! As well as having more time to play and learn together, the children are able to make and share a lunch after our morning pupils have gone home and next week they will be cooking together! If you know someone who would be interested in a free full time Nursery place for their child, please ask them to contact us.



Reception applications for 2021 entry

It is always lovely at this time of year to have the chance to show families around the Academy who are considering joining us in the following September. Unfortunately, given the restrictions of lockdown, we cannot invite people in at the moment, but we have arranged a number of online information sessions which families interested in the school can join, where they can ask questions, meet some of our staff and watch a presentation about life at Tindal. If you know anyone whose child will be starting Reception next year, please encourage them to visit our website for more information about these sessions, which will be held on:

- Thursday 12th November 2020 at 6:00pm
- Monday 16th November 2020 at 2:30pm
- Thursday 26th November 2020 at 10:00am
- Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 9:30am, with Arabic translation
- Monday 7th December 2020 at 9:30am, with Urdu translation

Remembrance Day

We are always proud of the support that our families give to the Royal British Legion by buying poppies and stationery items in the run up to Remembrance Day on the 11th November. We are pleased to say that in this important year marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day, we will be able to continue to offer items for donations. Each year group bubble now has its own collecting tin for donations and box of items to choose from to ensure the COVID restrictions are maintained.





Nasal flu immunisations

The Flu Busters immunisation team will be visiting the school next Wednesday 11th November to deliver nasal flu vaccines to children from Reception to Year 6 whose parents have given consent. If you have not yet returned a form to confirm whether or not you would like your child to have the vaccine, please give it to your child's class teacher first thing on Monday.

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/home>
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, Mrs Vigers 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.