

## Pre-Prep School Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020



**Happy Birthday to:**  
Sophia 2Q, Harriet R1,  
Oscar 1R, Bailey 2R and  
Danny 2R

### Reception News

Reception have been making portraits of themselves, as we get to know each other.

We have also read a story called Harold and The Purple Crayon. We have looked at colour mixing to make the colour purple and drawn a purple orchid. Then we wrote our own stories about our adventures with a purple crayon!

We have enjoyed reading the story The Dot by Peter H Reynolds. The children created their own colourful dots using paint. We also looked at Aboriginal art and Pointillism and the children used cotton buds to paint dots around their hands to make patterns. They

also made colourful dot collages using different sized circles.



### Reception Gardening

Reception were introduced to our School garden. The children were told the safety rules and then explored the garden. Mrs Boyle and the children harvested potatoes and carrots to make carrot/potato mash. The children enjoyed preparing the vegetables and eating the mash for snack in the afternoon. A lovely time had by all.



## Important Notice to All Parents/Carers

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October your child will be bringing home a "Password" form for you to complete. Could parents/carers please complete the form and return it back to Mrs Fraser by **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Thank you



## Notice To All Parents/Carers

If parents/carers forget to bring any of the following items:- book bag, water bottle, coats, ties or library book please do not bring them back to school instead bring them in the next school day. Thank you



## Tooth Fairy News

Ross 2Q, William 2Q and Oscar 2Q all lost a tooth while in school and they all had a visit from the Tooth Fairy.

## Free School Meals

In these difficult times you might be eligible for Free School Meals.

The link is

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

## [Free school meals and pupil premium - Liverpool City Council](#)

Free school meals and pupil premium. If your child is eligible for free school meals, the school will get extra funding for your child's education when you apply – £1320 per child in primary school and £935 per child in secondary school.

[liverpool.gov.uk](https://liverpool.gov.uk)



## Library News

Edge Hill University are issuing "Free Library Cards" for children up to the age of 10

Go to

[https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/news/2020/09/peck-up-a-my-first-library-card/?utm\\_source=ehuacuk&utm\\_medium=s hort&utm\\_campaign=646](https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/news/2020/09/peck-up-a-my-first-library-card/?utm_source=ehuacuk&utm_medium=s hort&utm_campaign=646)

## Notice from Liverpool City Council

As new restrictions are placed upon the city it can be a very anxious and confusing time.

The teams at @NHSuk and @Mersey\_Care provide vital #MentalHealth services #Liverpool & beyond.

Please click on the link below for more information

<https://t.co/G4cZ2bxXPY>  
<https://t.co/iMeXh876Ez>

Please remember to wear your mask when picking up and dropping off. Also follow the social distancing guidelines at all times.

## Dates for your Diary

23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Finish school for half term
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**G.Gannon – Head of Pre-Prep**



# Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



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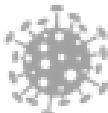



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# COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers







What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p><b>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child should get a test</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough</b></p>
 <p><b>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</b></p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</b></p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</b></p>

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p><b>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>• Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>• Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>• Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team</li> <li>• Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</b></p>
 <p><b>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>• People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</b></p>

**For further information:**

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**[gov.uk/backtoschool](http://gov.uk/backtoschool)**