



5th March 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Year of the Word

As part of our on-going support of the Year of the word, this month's scripture which we would like to share with you is:

Corinthians 4: 5-7

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

LFD tests for families of pupils in school

Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils

This section does not apply to secondary school pupils, and primary and secondary school staff, who should take twice-weekly tests using home test kits provided by their school.

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 can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

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

Collect test kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

[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](#)

Ongoing reminders about returning to school on Monday 8th 2021

All of our Risk Assessments are guided by Government and LA advice lots of the updated government guidance on mitigation measures, aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19, we already have in place as part of our ongoing enhanced good practice. I cannot promise that no child will get COVID-19 and I cannot promise the no bubble will be closed for a 10-day isolation period, however I can assure you we will do everything in our power to minimize the risks associated with having all our pupils back together in our school building.

Pupils will continue to remain within their year group bubbles; whilst staff are allocated to a single year group they may on occasion need to cross bubbles but this will be kept to a minimum. The principle guidance remains as it always has: Hands, Face, Space & Ventilation. All staff and pupils wash/sanitise their hands on a very regular basis using soap and water and/or hand sanitizer provided in school, staff may wear visors, pupils will be encouraged to keep a 2m distance between them when playing outside, however obviously in the classroom they will all be within their class bubble and finally all classrooms and communal space will continue to have windows open all day to create ventilation and outside air exchange.

Year Group Bubble	Drop-off Time	Pick-up Time
Year 6	8.30am	3.30pm
Year 5	8.35am	3.25pm
Year 4	8.40am	3.20pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 2	8.50am	3.10pm
Year 1	8.55am	3.00pm
Reception	9.00am	3.00pm
Nursery		
Rainbows- Mon/Tues	9.05am	3.05pm
Wed AM	8.30am	11.30am
Sunshine – Wed PM	12.30pm	3.30pm
Thurs/ Fri	9.05am	3.05pm

Siblings

Please remember when dropping off siblings that you drop all children off at the time slot of the eldest child's year group slot and when you collect, please collect at the youngest child's time slot. If you have a child in Reception and older siblings, the older siblings will now line up outside the main front entrance ready to be collected after you have collected your Rec child.

In terms of practicalities:

- The timetable of staggered entrance times and leaving times remains unchanged, we ask that as we will have 472 children and their parents walking up the pavement on Hillhead road, please socially distance as much as possible and can **ALL** parents/carers please wear masks whilst on the school premises. Arrangements for siblings is as above
- Only arrive with one adult and your children at your allocated time slot – there is not enough space to linger and chat
- Late comers will have to wait until there is a gap in the bubbles going in, so punctuality is essential if you do not want to wait around
- Please **DO NOT** bring large bags into school, we do not have space to store them due to the reconfigured spaced out classrooms. Also they are a COVID hazard as they cannot all be wiped down. Small book bags will be allowed from 8th March to bring in a reading book/reading journal from school and home and for Y5 and Y6 children to bring in intimate care products as necessary
- Reading books will be sent home on a Friday and brought back to school on a Wednesday – every book will be wiped down with antibacterial wipes in school on Thursday and sent back out on Friday
- Water bottles can be brought into school daily and taken home nightly to be washed
- Packed lunches – Please use individual packed lunch bags
- Pupils to wash hands before school and immediately they return home
- Home learning packs – please keep all resources at home and only return the completed exercise book with work in it on w/c 8th March 2021

Re-opening of closed bubbles

As you all aware, we have unfortunately had to close three bubbles this week starting with the Key worker and vulnerable children in Year 3, then Y6 and today Y5. Please be assured that after extensive conversations with Public Health England they have assured us that this is a single thread of transmission and they have positively reviewed our Risk Assessments which are in place. We are certainly going to miss those children who have been in school and now need to isolate, however each year group has had a letter uploaded onto the school website to confirm their individual return to school dates. If your child in these year groups has not been in school this week, then they can return on Monday 8th March.

Safety in the carpark

Please ensure that when you are walking out of school across the car park you make sure your child stays next to you. Some of our younger children have been running across the car park and staff are concerned that they will run out of the gate.

World Book Day

Yesterday, the staff uploaded 'Masked reader' video clips – could your child guess who they were? There were some amazing clips and so I look forward to hearing all about your ideas of who read which book!

International Women's Day

Monday 8th March is International Women's Day and there are some wonderful resources on the website <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

I continue to keep you and all of your families in my thoughts and prayers during this challenging time, and I look forward to welcoming back every pupil into school.

Best wishes,

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