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Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter

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General information:

Wrap around care bookings

Our breakfast and after school clubs are filling up fast. Please make sure that if you require a place that you have booked in advance on ParentPay.

Communication with parents & carers

We know just how important it is for school and parents/carers to communicate effectively.

Therefore, we use the following platforms to help this:

ParentPay – emails – All formal letters and newsletters will be sent to you by email through our ParentPay system. Therefore, please inform the school office if you change your email address.

ClassDojo – This is how we share any information messages and information.

Twitter – We have a Twitter account where we showcase our children's amazing learning

School website – All key information and dates about Outwood are available here.

Soon we will have an Outwood App which will house all of these different platforms in one place.

Parents Evenings

The Local Authority have advised us to keep meetings with parents online for the time being. Therefore, we will be holding our Parents' Evenings via Zoom during the week of the 8th November. We will send out more information and booking details nearer the time.



What a great start to the year!

September certainly has flown by! The children have settled well into their new classes and it has been lovely to welcome new families to Outwood too. Thank you to all who attended our 'meet the teacher / transition' meetings online. If you were unable to attend teachers will be putting the slides from the sessions on their class pages of our website.

Covid-19 Guidance

Since the guidance was updated in August, many of the measures have been reduced. The children and any adults over 18 that have been double vaccinated will no longer need to isolate if they are a contact but will be asked to take a PCR test. So as a result of this, coupled with Local Authority guidance, children in different year groups are mixing. However, we are still taking a cautious approach and we are still staggering breaks and lunchtimes using the following groups: FS1 & FS2, Year 1 & Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 Year 5 & Year 6

We will review these arrangements at the end of the term. Please see the attached updated Covid guide for more information.

Uniform Reminder

The children started the school year looking really smart. As the weather is changing please make sure that children wear appropriate black school shoes and not trainers. Also, on PE days please ensure that children wear the school PE kit which includes plain navy jogging bottoms and a plain navy hoodie as lessons maybe outside.

Outwood's achievements

Please look at our Twitter feed and class pages of our school website to see photographs of exciting events that are taking place at Outwood. You'll find us at <https://twitter.com/Outwoodprisch> or @OutwoodPriSch

Outwood's visit to Simply Books!



On Wednesday some of our year 5 and 6 children had the exciting opportunity of visiting our local independent book shop Simply Books to buy some new and exciting books for our school library. We would like to thank the Siobhan Dowd Trust who awarded Outwood the money to buy the books and to Simply Books for a fantastic experience. Whilst there the children got to meet the children's author Yvette Fielding. Yvette told the children all about her new book 'The house in the woods' and gave us a personalised signed copy for the school too.

New Menu





This week we have launched our new autumn and winter menu. This will be added to our school website too. Next Thursday to celebrate its launch we will be holding a 'Superheroes lunch'. The menu for this will be sent out today.

Harvest

On the 15th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival. In the run up to this, we will be collecting donations for The Wellspring in Stockport. This charity supports vulnerable people and families in Stockport all year round. I have attached the full list to this newsletter. If you are able to, please bring in a donation by Thursday 14th October. Thank you in advance.

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

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| What to do if... | Action needed | Back to school... |
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|  <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a PCR test • Inform school immediately about test results • School should provide remote learning if appropriate | <p>... if the child's test comes back negative provided they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to school, and feel well</p> |
|  <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from symptoms* starting (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • For the household members see "somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19" • School should provide remote learning if appropriate | <p>...after 10 days, once child feels better, and has been fever-free for at least 48 hours</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>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person with symptoms isolates and should get a PCR test • Household contacts must isolate unless they are exempt** | <p>...your child can attend school as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms*</p> |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person who has tested positive must self-isolate for at least 10 days from symptoms* starting (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Household members, including children should go for a PCR test, if positive they must isolate • Household contacts must isolate unless they are exempt** | <p>...your child can attend school as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms* and have not tested positive</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/>

Self-isolation exemptions

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, you are not required to self-isolate when any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated (had recommended doses of approved vaccine in UK at least 14 days ago)
 - you're below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- you've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Whenever you have any COVID-19 symptoms, these exemptions do not apply. You should still¹ self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test, even if your symptoms are mild.

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|  <p>...my child has identified my child as a 'close contact' of a confirmed COVID-19 case who is not a household member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should have a PCR test (unless they are under the age of 5), and if positive they must isolate for 10 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless a non exempt 'close contact' too | <p>..your child can attend school as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms* and have not tested positive</p> |
|  <p>...we / my child has travelled from abroad</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Depending on where you are travelling to and from, there may be a requirement for you and your child to isolate and/ or test.</p> <p>For full guidance on travel advice, please visit: gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers</p> | |
|  <p>...my child was shielding</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shielding has been paused and all children have been removed from the shielding list and are advised to follow the same guidance as everyone else Child should attend school unless advised otherwise by a medical consultant | |
|  <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People with symptoms* and those who have been in close contact with a confirmed case need to get a PCR test People without symptoms and are secondary school age or over are advised to regularly (twice a week) using a LFD test | <p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p> |
|  <p>...I am not sure who should not get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who have tested positive on a PCR test, should not test again with PCR for 90 days unless new COVID symptoms* develop, even if they are a close contact of a confirmed case. | |

COVID-19 testing

If anyone in your household has symptoms*, they should self-isolate immediately and book a free PCR test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119

Taking rapid lateral flow tests twice a week is advised for all secondary school and college students and families / households with children of any age. Regular testing can help detect coronavirus when you don't have symptoms. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 don't have any symptoms and could be spreading the virus without knowing it. You can get the free tests from your child's school or college, pharmacies, online at gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or by calling.

For further information visit gov.uk/backtoschool

Local Public Health and Health Protection Team will continue to work with local schools to manage and provide guidance with single and multiple cases of COVID-19

