



Whittingham
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Blog

Friday 18th September 2020



New Covid-19 restrictions for our region:



Venues including pubs, restaurants and cafes to close from 10pm to 5am



Venues providing food and drink restricted to table service only



You must not meet with those outside your household or support bubble

Visit www.sunderland.gov.uk/coronavirus for full restrictions and frequently asked questions

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to my Headteacher's Blog. Please can I remind you that Government guidelines changed on Monday and again on Thursday specifically for our region? Our school follows such guidelines and also those given by Public Health England so that we continue to ensure that our school remains a happy and safe place to be for our children and staff. It is also important that we protect people in our wider community who may be extremely vulnerable. Please continue to help us to do this by following guidance and also support any procedures that we may put in place at school.

Best wishes,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

Coronavirus in children

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious.

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

a high temperature

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Helpful links regarding COVID 19

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/stronger-measures-introduced-in-parts-of-the-north-east-to-tackle-rising-infection-rates>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-health-england-launches-new-every-mind-matters-campaign>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Don't Forget!

It is European Languages Day on Friday 25th September. Everyone in school will be involved. See poster sent out this week for details.



Online Devices

Last week I asked families to contact me if they did not have access to an online device at home. This was to help us to gather information with regards to the most effective way that we can provide home learning if it is needed. I have not received any replies with regards to this so I am hoping that this means that online devices are available in each household. If this is the case, this information means that we can make available a vast majority of our remote learning online. If you find your circumstances have changed and you do not have access to a device please contact your class teacher so adaptations can be made if necessary. This needs to be done as soon as you possibly can so that we can ensure every individual learners needs are met.

Up to date details.

Now we have been back to school for almost 3 weeks please note the deadline to notify the office by email of any changes to contact details, medical updates or permission for photos to be used on our social media pages and school website is Monday 21st September. Of course, any changes in medical circumstances can be updated by contacting the office at any time.

Communication Update.

I had planned to work with Mrs Kennedy on enabling us to put in place an online messaging system for families of Year 1-6 pupils and their teachers which is different to our communication system T2P yesterday. However, the changes to our local situation with regards to COVID 19 and various meetings that I attended subsequently prevented this. We hope to put this system in place by the end of next week.

Families who have nursery or reception aged children please continue to use Tapestry as this is working well.