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Dear parents/carers,

We have had another good week here in school. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have tweaked our drop off and collection procedures. Also many thanks to those who have made suggestions and helped us to find alternative ways of doing things. Like with many things this school year, we have never had to implement such procedures before so your ideas are very well received.

Recovery Curriculum

Here in school we are using the concept of a recovery curriculum (please see attached for further information). This curriculum has our children's mental health and well-being at the centre. We are planning a lot of what we do around SCARF - Safety Caring Achievement Resilience and Friendship. Our Collective Worship for the next few weeks is also based around these themes – this week we started with safety.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8

Covid 19 advice

You may be aware that there have been a number of positive cases in our local area. Please find below information from Stockton Borough Council www.stockton.gov.uk/our-economy/coronavirus-covid-19-schools-and-childcare/schools which we are using in school and hope you will find informative.

We have had many parents/carers ring us for advice regarding COVID 19 and associated symptoms – although we try our best to help please ring 111 for health advice where you will be able to speak with medical professionals who have access to the most up to date guidance.

If a child or staff member shows symptoms of COVID-19 while at school

Any children showing symptoms:

- will be isolated immediately and looked after by a member of staff
- a parent/carer will be contacted immediately so arrangements can be made for the child to be collected
- will then be sent home as soon as possible and will need to self-isolate for 10 days. Parent/carer will need to arrange to have them tested by calling 119 or going to www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/. Their household starts 14 days isolation.

Any staff member will be sent home and will be advised to arrange to be tested

If there is a positive case of COVID-19 in your school

- The Public Health Team will contact the school Head Teacher and carry out a risk assessment to identify who has been in close contact with the positive case during the infectious period. They will then advise the Head Teacher of anyone in their school who needs to self-isolate and a letter will be sent to parents/carers telling them their child needs to self-isolate
- The Public Health Team will continue to monitor any suspected or confirmed cases that are reported by schools to them to ensure that we are able to respond and offer appropriate support and advice to schools
- If there is a positive case in your child's school and they have been advised to self-isolate, all other members of the household can continue as normal provided no one has any symptoms associated with COVID-19. This means that other siblings may go to school and parents may go to work



What to do if your child or someone in your household develops symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A high temperature
- A new and continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste and smell

If your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19:

- The whole household should isolate immediately and arrange a test for anyone with symptoms by calling 119 or going to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Your child should not attend school and you should inform the school of who is affected (child or household member)

What to do if the test result is positive

- If the test result for your child is positive inform the school immediately. Your child must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when their symptoms started. They can return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. However, they could have another virus such as cold or flu in which case it's still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better
- The rest of your household should self-isolate for 14 days from when the family member's symptoms started. This is because it can take up to 14 days after being exposed to the virus for someone to develop symptoms of COVID-19 and could spread the virus during this time.
- If a member of your household has symptoms and tests positive your child must self-isolate for 14 days from the day the household members symptoms started. They will not be able to attend school until the end of the 14 days and should only return to school if they are/ have remained well
- Tests should only be arranged for those who have symptoms or for those who have been specifically advised to do so by NHS Test and Trace or the Public Health Team. This is because it can take 14 days for a person to develop the infection and a negative test before this time can provide false reassurance
- All positive cases should be contacted by NHS Test and Trace. Please cooperate with their inquiries and follow advice provided
- If your household need any support to maintain self-isolation (e.g. collecting prescriptions, shopping etc.), contact Stockton-On-Tees Community Support Hub on 01642 733906
- **If you receive confirmation of a positive test over the weekend please email school to let us know.**

What to do if the test result is negative

If the test result is negative and your child feels well and no longer has symptoms similar to COVID-19, they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu - in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other household members can also stop self-isolating as long as they have not developed symptoms of COVID-19 and are well.

What to do if your child has been in contact with a suspected case

Your child and your household can continue to attend school and work as normal unless you have been advised otherwise. However, you need to monitor your child/household for symptoms and if they do display any please follow the guidance above. Your school will be in touch with further advice following their risk assessment of the situation and in discussion with the Council's Public Health Team/North East Health Protection Team.

New appointments

I am delighted to say that Mrs. H Atkinson and Mrs. Thomas have both been appointed to the role of Assistant Head Teachers in our school. These roles started on 1st September this year. Mrs. Thomas is based on our Rosehill site and is our Early Years and KS1 lead and Mrs. H Atkinson is based on our Trinity site and is our KS2 lead. Our Governing Body are looking forward to seeing both Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Atkinson have a major role in the leadership in our Church School enabling all to flourish within our Christian ethos. I am looking forward to working more closely alongside Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Atkinson along with Mrs. Whelerton, our Deputy Head Teacher, as part of our Senior Leadership Team to sustain our school's continuous drive to improve standards and achievement through outstanding provision.

And fond farewells.....

Mrs. Oliver, who worked in our school office on Rosehill site on a Monday, left our school in May. Mrs. Oliver had worked in school for over thirty years and we will all miss her (and her delicious cakes!). Mrs. McGee who has worked with us for the past two years also left our school in July. Her plans are to spend more time with her family – we hope she is very happy with this new chapter in her life.

Our school website

Our school website is in a stage of transition - we are hoping to update the information displayed there very soon. Like with many areas of our work everything is taking just a little bit longer with the current restrictions and demands on our time. Thank you for your patience and support while we work through our 'to do' list this term.

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your family. As parents/carers you should be immensely proud of your children – I know I certainly am. They have settled well and are adapting amazingly well to our new routines.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely
Mrs Swift
Head Teacher