



St. Wilfrid's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents Carers,

Our school community was devastated by the awful news last weekend. It is often difficult to know what to do when confronted with such sad events; most of the staff in school have never experienced a similar occurrence in connection to school. Older pupils who will have been most affected by the news have shown incredible maturity in managing the challenging emotions such news triggers – all of the staff are incredibly proud of them.

Pupils' in Year 6 are looking forward to playing the first match of the football season at Richard Bonington this evening. Zach, who would have been captaining the side, will be at the forefront of the children's minds when the team plays. We will be holding a minutes silence before the match as a mark of respect and will play the game – win or lose – in the spirit that Zach played sport.

Parents Evening

We have scheduled parents evening for Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November. Information about making an appointment will be sent immediately after half term.

Meet The Head

Informal opportunities to meet myself and find out information about, and contribute towards our future plans for school, will be held during the first week after half term. Further details will be sent next week.

Covid

So far, we have had no confirmed COVID cases in school this term. Local schools however, have increasing numbers, and we are therefore being vigilant if children appear in school with COVID symptoms. Please remember, if a child has COVID symptoms, however minimal, they should get a PCR test – not a lateral flow test. Lateral flow tests should only be used where a child has no symptoms.

Any pupils who are members of a household where somebody has a positive COVID test should also have a PCR test. The latest guidelines can be found below.

Dogs and dog dirt

We have had reports of dog mess being left on the school drive way. As you can imagine, this causes all sorts of issues when brought into school. If you do bring your dog on the school run, please take care to check / clean up as necessary. At some point in the future, school may use therapy dogs, and other animals, to support provision in school. However, some children are very anxious around dogs, and even the best behaved and well looked after dogs can act out of character.

My preference would be that dogs were not brought up the school drive, due to the risk of dog dirt being brought into school, and the possibility of a dog bite. However, dogs should not be brought through the school gate, even if carried.



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Year 3 Visit the Iron Age

Pupils in Year 3 travelled in time this week, when they visited the Iron Age fort that can be found in Foxwood. When they arrived in the past, they discussed Iron Age life, in preparation for their forthcoming topic. They had a fabulous time – fortunately the rain held off.

Harvest Festival

Year 2 will be leading our harvest festival service next week – parents of pupils in year 2 will have received details of the worship in school on Friday. If parents would like to donate any dry foods for local food banks, this should be brought to school by next Friday morning.

Cars

Cars **should not** be driven up the school driveway to collect or drop off children. The drive is used by pedestrians, and it is not safe to do so.

Book Fair Sales

Thank you for your support for the Book Fair. We managed to sell £712 worth of books, meaning we receive commission valued at £366 to add to our classroom libraries.

Sweets and other foods for children's birthdays.

Unfortunately, we cannot distribute foods sent by parents' to celebrate children's birthdays (despite these being a lovely gesture). There are a number of reasons for this. Primarily, there are a number of children in school who have allergies or conditions that mean their diets have to be managed very carefully. Some parents may not wish for their child to eat sweets or cakes, but would find it difficult to take these from a child after being given.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

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<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

When to self-isolate and what to do

What is self-isolation?

Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19).

This helps stop the virus spreading to other people.

Important

Self-isolation rules have changed. You will not need to self-isolate in certain situations.

Information:

It's a legal requirement to self-isolate if you are told to by NHS Test and Trace. You could be fined if you do not self-isolate.

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

Information:

You may need to quarantine when you arrive in England from abroad. [Check the quarantine rules when entering England on GOV.UK](#)



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When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)
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Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms

Tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have COVID-19.

You should tell them to follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#).

They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.

If they get any symptoms of COVID-19, they should self-isolate and get a test as soon as possible.

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one



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How long to self-isolate

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away.

Read more about [how long to self-isolate](#).