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COVID-19 SPECIFIC FAQ'S

My child has a sniffle or a cold, can they attend school?

We are heading to the winter season where colds are very common. If your child has a bit of a runny nose and are feeling well enough to attend, they are still ok to attend school. If your child has a temperature of **37.8oC or above**, a cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste you **MUST NOT** send them to school.

What do I do if my child has symptoms of Covid-19 (new persistent cough, fever, loss of taste and/or smell)?

Please follow Government guidelines:

- **do not bring your child to school**
- contact the school each day with an update
- you must arrange a test yourself
- inform the school about the test result asap

What if my child has a positive Covid-19 test?

Please **do not** come into school and inform the school each day. Anyone who tests positive must **self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days**. After this period, if they feel better, they may return to school. Pupils who have a loss of taste or smell may return after 10 days if they feel well enough.

What do I do if someone my child lives with has symptoms?

Please do not bring your child to school. The person displaying symptoms must get tested. Keep the school informed daily and let us know the test result. Only return to school if the test result is negative.

What if someone my child lives with tests positive for Covid-19?

Please do not bring your child to school. They must self-isolate for 14 days. Keep the school informed daily and only if they do not display Covid-19 symptoms after 14 days may they return to school.

What if NHS Track and Trace has identified my child as being in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19?

Please do not bring your child to school. They must self-isolate for 14 days. Keep the school informed daily and only if they do not display Covid-19 symptoms after 14 days may they return to school.

We are conscious that we need to be extra cautious with the seriousness of the current situation, so will appreciate your support with this. Potential adverse effects on the children's and staff's attendance will be unavoidable but this is better than total future lock downs. Mrs Hanson

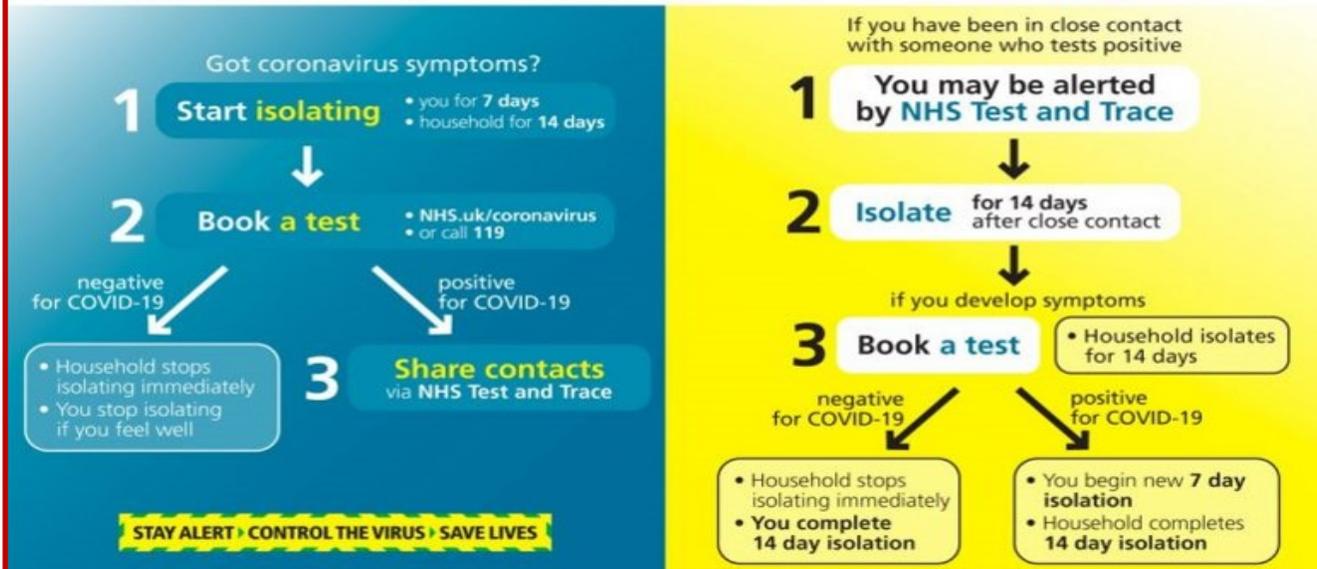
Dates for the diary: (could be subject to change. Always check newsletters & website)

Obviously lots of the normal dates for the diary are not going to be allowed under the current restrictions but we are working hard on what we can do, and possible alternatives for things, so watch this space.

17.9.20 Reception class new parent induction evening (see page 2 for details)

22.10.20 Break up for half term

23.10.20 School closed for staff INSET day



New Class Information

Please take time to look at the valuable information about school learning and home-learning (homework) routines and expectations.

<https://www.richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk/teaching-learning/learning-zone/>

New email addresses:

Please note all teachers have new email addresses:

- Reception: K.Read@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk
- Year 1: R.Hartshorne@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk
- Year 2: J.Wain@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk
- Year 3: A.Salt@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk
- Year 4: assistantheadteacher@richardclarke.staffs.sch.uk

The old year1@, year2@ etc emails will no longer work.

Please note teachers are not required to respond to emails outside of the working week. Some teachers do, but this is out of their own kindness and is not an expectation. Anything urgent should go through the school office Monday-Friday 8.30-5.00pm.

Lunches update

We will be offering a hot meal option to **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 only** from next week. Year 3 and 4 can continue to order a school packed lunch Monday-Thursday but can choose a hot dinner on Fridays. Gradually introducing hot meals will help us manage the extra logistics and we appreciate your continued patience with this.

Menu

- Monday: Pizza
- Tuesday: Sausage and Mash
- Wednesday: Roast Turkey
- Thursday: Pasta Bolognese
- Friday: (all classes) Fish fingers and chips

Safeguarding Statement

The Richard Clarke First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Full DBS clearance is required for all adults who work alongside children. This means that we have a Safeguarding Policy in place that all staff (that includes supply staff, volunteers and governors) must ensure they are aware of).

Sometimes we need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there is a concern about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about pupils are discussed with his/her parents first unless we believe that such a move would be contrary to a child's welfare.

As a parent, carer, relative, neighbour, member of the public or a professional who has contact with children, you may be concerned about the welfare and safety of your own child or a child you know. These concerns could be about their appearance, behaviour, development or how they are being cared for.

**If you need support and advice or have any concerns, please contact Staffordshire County Council's First Response Service on: 0800 13 13 126.
Lines are open Monday-Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm and Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.**

If you need to make a call out of office hours, you should contact the Emergency Duty Service on: **0845 6042886.**

If you think a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm - dial 999 to contact the Police.

Your points of contact within the school in relation to Safeguarding issues are:

Designated Safeguarding lead: Mrs Kay Hanson - Headteacher
Deputy Safeguarding leads: Mr Daniel Hindhaugh – Assistant Headteacher
Nominated governor for Safeguarding: Mr Neil Lowther

PE Kits

Polite reminder about children's PE kits. The rationale for coming to school in PE kits on their PE days, is to reduce the potential for increased contamination risks whilst getting changed in school. For health and safety reason we follow the AFPE (Association for PE) guidelines for PE kits and so our rules are as follows:

PE Kit

Indoor - black shorts, red T-shirt, clean trainers.

Outdoor - black shorts or tracksuit bottoms or leggings, red T-shirt and sweatshirt/hoody if cold, trainers.

(As the children will be in PE kits all day, we suggest the outdoor kit, particularly on colder days.)

Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery or fitness trackers for PE. If children have earrings then they must take them out for PE. If they are unable to do this themselves then please do not wear earrings on PE days.

Long hair must be tied back for PE lessons.

It is still essential that all uniform is named so that we can return lost items to their rightful owners. The guidance states uniform (including PE kits) should be washed as per your normal routine.

Reception Class - Second Induction Evening

Thursday 17th September 6pm

Under the guidelines we intend to run our second induction evening in the school hall. We ask that only **1 parent** attend to enable us to keep the number of adults under the recommended 30 in this space, socially distanced. If you have been before and prefer not to come under the current situation, then we will understand and will send out the information for you to read instead.

Parental involvement in children's learning has a significant impact and it is important that we work closely with you and we value that enormously. Under the current situation this is going to prove more challenging as we won't be able to invite you into school as much as we would like to.

Q&A

Can my child bring their own break time snack and what can I bring?

The Government have started providing Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children with a free morning break time snack again. They vary each day but tend to be a piece of fruit such as a pear, apple or satsuma and on some occasions mini cucumber or sugar snap peas. If you are unsure if your child will eat this, please feel free to send them in with a piece of fruit or vegetable to ensure they are not getting hungry during the morning. Please do not send anything other than fruit or veg. Children in year 3 and 4 are not included in the free fruit Government scheme so please do feel free to provide them with a healthy snack. They eat this about 10.30am.

It is my child's birthday, can we bring some sweets in for the class?

Although this is not an expectation and is discouraged, only sweets that are individually wrapped would be allowed. We would hand these out at the end of the school day and ask the children to give them straight to Mums or Dads to decide if and when you want your child to have them. No nuts please.

Can my child get school milk again?

The Government will be starting up free milk for all children up to their 5th birthday. You are still able to purchase milk for your child after their 5th birthday. It works out at 20p a day. Simply let the office know if you would like milk and they will set this payment up on parent pay.

Calling all parents!

If you buy a qualifying HP Envy or Spectre Laptop, HP will donate £200 towards laptops and other equipment for our school.

If you do, you will have three weeks to submit your claim and the school will get 200 credits which is worth £200 that we can spend on new laptops and equipment for the school.

Thank you,
Miss Wain