



Collingwood Primary School Newsletter Friday 16th October 2020

"We live our lives with arms and minds wide open"

Welcome back this week to our Year 2 pupils and staff who returned to us from self-isolation. It is lovely to see you all safe and well and running into school in some cases! **Please do keep younger children away from our outside play equipment before and after school as this could put our pupils at greater risk of contamination.** This is being used by the same bubble for an entire week so that all children get to use it.

With yesterday's announcement that London, Essex and York and some other areas have moved to Tier 2, "High" is not a surprise to me given the recent rise in numbers locally. Whilst this is concerning and frustrating for us all, it makes no difference to life at Collingwood. The Government's plan is for schools to remain open at all tiers. Further information on what this means outside school can be found here [government guidance on local COVID-19 alert levels](#).

Our 7 til 7 Club has been running on reduced numbers since September and has a waiting list. Now that pupils are used to keeping their distance from other bubbles, we feel that we are able to seat children from the same bubble together, as they have been during the school day, whilst keeping each bubble 2m away from each other. This enables us to offer a few more places after half term. Mrs Chettur or Mrs Budd will contact you directly if you are at the top of our waiting list and a place becomes available. **Please be aware that by choosing to send your child to our 7 'til 7 Club, you are increasing the number of bubbles your child is mixing with and are therefore also increasing the chance of self-isolation, should one of the attendees have a positive test.** This is the only place in our school where pupil bubbles mix.

Keep looking at the useful information at the end of this newsletter, sent to us by other organisations as this is constantly being updated.

Lastly, thank you very much to whoever put the lovely comments in Focus Magazine (see our Twitter feed if you missed it!). We have no idea who you are but you really made our week! We promise to take our capes off at half term, thank you for permission to do so!

Mrs A Buckland-Garnett

Our School Development Priorities and Curriculum

We continue to assess pupils' abilities and identifying any gaps in reading, writing, spelling and maths between now and half term. This will be shared with you at our Virtual T.L.C. meetings.

Everyone who booked a TLC appointment should have received a meeting link via email. Please click this link at the scheduled time to join your meeting. Meetings will work best using a desktop or laptop computer. If you are using a mobile device (tablet or phone) you will need to download the Google Meet app and create a Google account before your meeting for your link to work. (If you have any problems a meeting will be rearranged after half term) - please be prompt as your slot will end after 10 mins and we will not be able to "fit you in".

We are working closely with Edison Learning this term on providing an education which is still fun and exciting whilst ensuring that pupils focus on the reading, writing and maths curriculum they missed out on.

This week pupils have been finding out about key figures as part of Black History Month starting with Mrs Minister's virtual assembly, last Monday, on Mary Secole.

We are not planning any educational trips before Christmas and will review this for the spring term.

If you think we are doing a good job, please tell Ofsted by clicking here [Give your views](#)

Governor News

Our Statement of Governance, which details the membership, attendance and work carried out by our Governing Body is available to view on our school website. Our policies can be found on our school website, on the policies page www.collingwoodschool.net

Our new Chair of Governors, Miss Hargreaves, visited each class (from afar) this week to see how pupils are being taught and kept safe and to talk to staff about our Recovery Curriculum and baseline assessments.

Vacancies

We are always on the lookout for "as and when" Learning Support Assistants and Mid-Day Assistants to cover when staff are off sick or at training. If you have **successful experience working with primary aged children**, would pass all of the relevant medical and safeguarding checks, are happy to attend an interview and would like to be put on our list of people we call upon, please ring Mrs De'Ath or Mrs Wraight on 01245 322258. Please note that this is irregular work and not a permanent position.

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to isolate if someone in my household has been with a person, outside school, who has tested positive?

Only the person who has had "close contact" needs to isolate for 14 days from the date of contact (not the date of the test). There is no need for the rest of the household to isolate, if they have not had close contact and do not have symptoms.

If, whilst your household member is isolating, you develop symptoms you should isolate and get a test. If the test is positive, the rest of the household should then self isolate for 14 days as they will have had close contact with you.

If I have had close contact but feel ok and get a test the next day and get a negative result can I come out of isolation?

No. Nobody should get a test if they do not have symptoms. You will still need to isolate for 14 days from the date of your close contact as symptoms can take upto 14 days to appear.

Can I take my family out under tier 2?

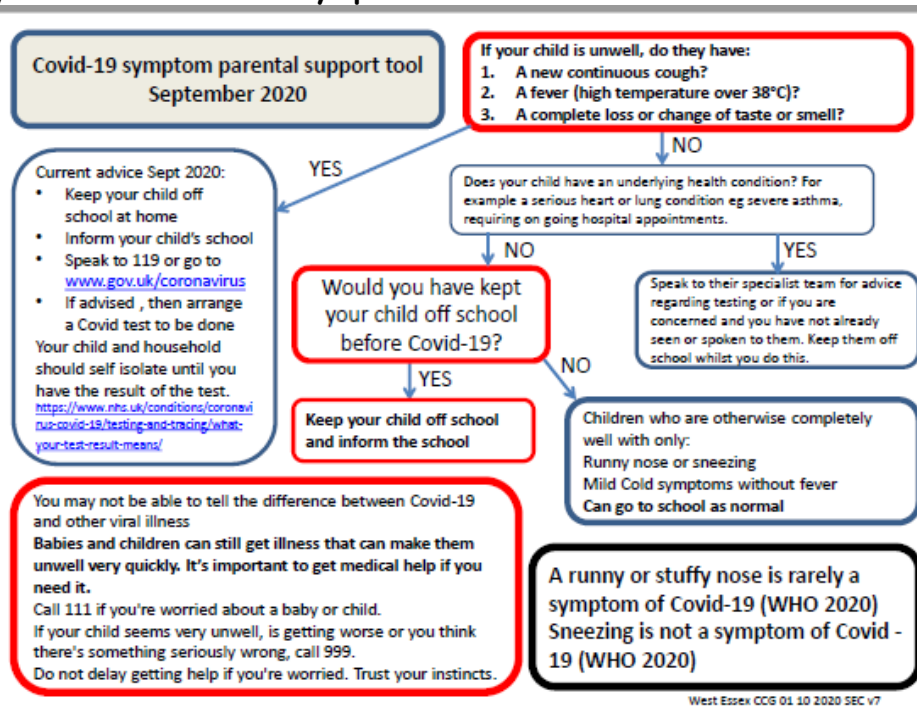
Yes. Under medium and high restrictions those in the same household can still go out together inside and outside.

Who should not come onto the school site?

- Anyone displaying Covid-19 symptoms.*
- Anyone who has been contacted by Track and Trace and told to isolate.
- Anyone awaiting test results. (Please inform us of any results immediately)

* a constant new cough (coughing for over an hour or 3+ coughing bouts in a 24 hour period) , a high temperature (38 degrees or feeling hot to touch on chest or back), a loss/change in taste or smell.

How do I know if my child has Covid-19 symptoms or a cold?



How do I get a test?

Phone 111 or google "test centre near me" You can ask for a home test to be sent to you at <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>. if you are concerned about someone who has symptoms use <https://111.nhs.uk/COVID-19> or phone 999.

What if the result is positive?

Please let us know via the admin@collingwood.essex.sch.uk email if someone in your household tests positive.

South Woodham Ferrers Leisure Centre

South Woodham Ferrers Leisure Centre are running October Half Term Multi Activity Camps Monday 26-Friday 30 October

½ day 4-6 year olds 8.30am-12.30pm

Full day 6-12 year olds 8.30am-5.30pm

There is a discount if booking a full week, we also accept Childcare vouchers. We are also running Canoeing and Pool inflatable for the Over 8 competent swimmers. Please follow the link for more details

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/leisure-centres/kids-holiday-activities/>

Dates for your diary

All dates can be found at www.collingwoodschoo.net If school is ever closed, at short notice, it will appear on <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx> and the school website/twitter first and be announced on Essex FM and BBC Essex as soon as possible. Please avoid ringing the school as the phone is unlikely to be answered whilst we are organising staff!

Mon 19th October

Whole School Flu Immunisation (for those that have given consent)

Mon 19th - Thursday 22nd October

Virtual Termly Learning Conferences (You will be sent booking details. (Closing date for booking was Sunday 11th Oct at 10pm)

Mon 26th - Fri 30th October

Half Term

Sat 31st October

Closing date for secondary school applications

Mon 21st Dec-Fri 1st Jan

Christmas Holidays

2021

Mon 4 th Jan	First day of Spring Term
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th Feb	Half Term
Mon 29 th Mar - Fri 9 th Apr	Easter Break
Mon 3 rd May	May Day
Thursday 6 th May	School Closed for Polling
Mon 31 st May-Fri 4 th June	Half Term
Friday 16 th July	Last Day for pupils
Mon 19 th - 21 st July	Non Pupil Days - school closed

School Closure days for 2021-2022 are not usually agreed by Governors before June. These will appear here and on our website calendar as soon as these have been agreed.

other sources of information

Are you a family who

- Struggles with their energy bills
- Have fuel debt (gas/electricity)
- Will go without essentials over winter, in order to be able to heat your home

If so, please get in touch with the Essex Winter Warm Scheme on 0300 3033 789 or visit the website www.warmhomesessex.org.uk

Online Safety

What to do if your child sees something upsetting online (Safer Internet Centre)

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>

Online resources for parents & carers (Childnet International)

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parents-and-carers-resource-sheet-1019.pdf>

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Contact this helpline by calling 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Chelmsford Foodbank: Any donations for the foodbank can be left in our foyer - they are currently in need of the following items: tinned potatoes - jam/preserves/spreads - instant mash sachets- instant custard sachets - tinned custard - tinned rice pudding - ladies deodorants - ladies shampoo - washing powder/liquid/gel

In order to obtain food, you need a voucher which can be accessed from the Child and Family Wellbeing Service <https://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk> 0300 247 0014, Or Citizen's Advice

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/search-for-your-local-citizens-advice/local-citizens-advice-details/?serialnumber=100386> 01245 205579. You will then be able to collect food from the Foodbank centre or arrange for a delivery.