



Collingwood Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020

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

With the change in the weather, it is very important that your child brings a jumper and coat to school. Now that there are more coats in school, we will start to use the cloakrooms if they can be used only by children in the same bubble. Thankyou for keeping book bags small...please do not buy new school bags for Christmas, we have not got room! We are having doors and windows open to increase ventilation in line with government guidance and we have put the heating on early but it can get cold. We normally change to winter uniform, (no ties as we cannot help tie them and non-slip shoes or trainers that children can fasten themselves), after October half term but are happy for pupils to switch before then if you wish. All uniform details can be found here <http://www.collingwoodschool.net/about-the-school/our-uniform/>

Thankyou for bearing with us when using Google Drive...it is new to us too! Please make sure that you have accessed Google Classroom...you will be missing out on information if you do not do this. If you are having difficulties, please email class teachers.

In line with other local schools, we have taken the sad decision not to take children swimming this term due to members of the public and pupils from other schools using the pool. This will be reviewed at Christmas.

Staff and Governors are currently working on our new Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) policy which becomes statutory for primary schools later this year. Once this has been drafted we will be seeking your views on the content.

Don't forget to download the Covid-19 App. [COVID-19 app homepage](#) The app is a key tool in the national response to COVID-19 and the more people that download it and respond to its notifications, the slower the virus will spread. Remember "Hands, Safe, Face" and keep safe and well. Thank you to all in the Collingwood Family for continuing to work with us in supporting the children, particularly in reassuring them that if we all keep to the rules, we will be safe.

Mrs A Buckland-Garnett

Our School Development Priorities and Curriculum

We continue to focus on pupils' Mental Health (using the Film Inside Out) during September as well as assessing pupils' abilities and identifying any gaps in reading, writing, spelling and maths between now and October half term. Please see your child's class page on www.collingwoodschool.net for greater detail.

Our Personality Islands (Mental Health work in Year 4)



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

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 on 01245 322258. Please note that this is irregular work and not a permanent position.

Frequently asked questions

How will T.L.C.s work this term?

These meetings will need to take a different format this term as we really want to inform you about how your child has settled after such a long time away from school and where we think their main gaps in learning may be. Normally we would ask your child to attend but since there may be something you need to discuss without your child worrying unnecessarily, we suggest that **YOUR CHILD DOES NOT ATTEND THIS VIRTUAL MEETING**. Meetings are limited to 10 minutes so that we are able to fit them all in. Please be prompt as the video will cut out ready for the next meeting. After half term, a sheet detailing your child's assessments will be emailed to you.

What about PE if it rains?

We have been lucky so far in that the weather has been fine and dry and the children have been able to go outside for PE. However, as the winter months approach it may not always be possible for the children to be outside and due to the current situation, unfortunately, we are unable to use our halls for PE if wet as they are being used for other purposes and would need to be thoroughly cleaned between each bubble during the day. On these occasions the teachers and PE providers will work closely together to organise indoor activities in the classroom for the children to take part in. Please make sure that your child, on their PE day, wears their kit even if it is raining in the morning as the weather may change during the day. Also, as it becomes colder, dark, plain tracksuits may be worn.

Mrs J. Hardwick. PE Lead

Can my child come back to school if they had symptoms but feel better?

If not tested but feeling better, they may not return until after the full 10 days isolation has been completed. (14 days for the rest of the household.) **If tested** children may only return if the result was negative.

If one child has symptoms should brothers and sisters come to school?

No. Everyone in the household should isolate until the test result is received including those who attend other schools and workplaces. Other household members should not be tested unless they develop symptoms.

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 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.

The September Issue of KidAround is here and packed full of information on what's happening in Essex. To read KidAround on the go or with a nice cuppa visit: <https://www.kidaround.biz/magazine>



Dates for your diary

All dates can be found at www.collingwoodschool.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 Flu Immunisation
Mon 19 th - Thursday 22 nd October	Virtual Termly Learning Conferences (You will be sent booking details. If you have attended a One Planning or Annual Review meeting already this term, you do not need to attend this.)
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th October	Half Term
Sat 31st October	Closing date for secondary school applications
Mon 21 st Dec-Fri 1 st Jan	Christmas Holidays

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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

FREE Family First Aid Workshops for parents/ carers with children aged pre-birth-19 across Mid Essex - Thurs 8th Oct 10am-12pm To book your place visit: <https://aclessex.com/community-family-learning-online/> and enrol under "Partnerships" on First Aid 8th October

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 Essex Family Support Service



- Families with children 8-19, younger siblings welcome
- Supporting families to develop & retain positive relationships
- Promoting safe choices & wellbeing
- Supporting people to meet with peers & communities
- Building healthy family relationships

Contact us:
01206 505250/families@community360.org.uk
or ask your local Family Hub

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. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 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.