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Head Teacher's Newsletter **10th February 2021**

Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach the half term break I want to celebrate the efforts of the children during what has been a very difficult period of time in their young lives. For those working remotely, we have been most impressed with their on line engagement and the work they have produced. In addition they have displayed a positive attitude to school and have made pleasing progress. This can be echoed for those children in school. This has been a different experience for those concerned, walking the quiet corridors and not seeing a large number of their peers, but in the same way as those working remotely, the children have applied themselves well and have produced good work and have continued to progress.

I would also like to extend my thanks to all the members of the High Street team who have worked hard during this period, learning new skills and techniques to engage the children.

Finally, but by no means least, we recognise the efforts of you as parents / carers. Without your support the aforementioned would not have been possible. We realise that in many cases, this has been a logistical nightmare, trying to juggle work and home as well as trying to enthuse youngsters. Thank you for your support!

Half Term

Following Government guidance, the school will not be open for any pupils and no on line lessons will be held. We suggest for the children's wellbeing, that they have a break from formal lessons. However, regular reading and practical activities which don't feel like learning e.g baking, and walks should be encouraged.

Return to school

Unfortunately, until we hear different from the Government and lockdown is eased, the school will only reopen to the children currently accessing the facility because they are children of key workers or they have been classed as vulnerable, following the half term break. Online lessons will resume on Monday 22nd February 2021 for all other children.

Half Term Test and Trace Arrangements

Parents should continue to notify the school if their child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) during the next two days before the half term break using the year group email account if they have been in school.

Notifying the school of a positive test result

If your child developed symptoms of COVID-19 and has been tested or was asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) and the results do not arrive before the school closes for half term, please email Mr Joule on head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk as soon as the results arrive.

Notifying the school if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms after the school closes for Half Term.

Notify the school if:

- Your child develops symptoms or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) **before 3:30pm on 14th February 2021** and;
- Your child was in school in the 48hrs prior to the symptom on-set (or test if they have been tested but don't have symptoms)

You do not need to notify the school if:

- Your child has not been in nursery/school in the 48hrs prior to the symptom on-set (or test if they have been tested but don't have symptoms)
- Your child develops symptoms or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) **after 3:30pm on 14th February 2021**

Testing

We would like to remind parents that children should only be tested if they develop any of the three COVID-19 symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

They should not be tested asymptotically (when they don't have symptoms) unless they are part of a study or have been advised to do so by a Consultant in Public Health.

Returning to school

The school does not need to be notified if your child is required to self-isolate during the half term holiday. If your child is required to isolate after the 22nd February 2021 and would have been due to be in school due to your key worker status or because they are classed as a vulnerable child, please email the year group email account by the 21st February 2021 outlining the reason why they are isolating and the date they will return. We will then review these emails when we re-open on the 22nd February 2021.

Test and trace arrangements when the school re-opens following the half term holiday

From the 22nd February 2021 onwards the normal test and trace procedures will apply, and parents should contact the school to notify us if their child develops symptoms of COVID-19 using the following admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Summary of COVID notification requirements

Dates	Actions	Contacts
Up to 3:30pm on 14 th February 2021	Continue to notify the school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they haven't got symptoms) and attended school in the 48 hrs before.	head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk
After 3:30pm on 14 th February 2021	Do not notify the school if your child starts with symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they haven't got symptoms)	No contact required
21 st February 2021	Notify the school if your child is self-isolating and will not be returning on the 22 nd February if your child would be in school because you are a key worker or because they are in the vulnerable category.	admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk
22 nd February	Notify the school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested	admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

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Nursery Places

We are currently registering children to start in the school Nursery in September 2021, January 2022 and April 2022. Should you have a child who you feel will be eligible to start in the Nursery, please contact school by calling 01606 668066 or by emailing reception@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Free School Meals

Please note that following guidance issued by the Government, we will not be issuing Free School Meal vouchers for the half term break. Vouchers have been processed for the period up to and including Friday 12th February. We will issue further vouchers to those families eligible following the half term holiday up until when all children return to school and those eligible can access free school meals on site.

Safeguarding

Please note that I have been asked to issue the following statement on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester Safeguarding Children Partnership:

We are writing to let you know about an arrangement which is in place regarding all children living in Cheshire West and Chester.

This agreement aims to support children who are affected by self-harming behaviour.

Where a child under the age of 16 attends A&E or is admitted onto a hospital ward following a self-harm incident, the hospital will communicate this, at the earliest opportunity, to the Safeguarding Lead in school. This will help to ensure that the school are able to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe and included. There may be the need, in some cases, for ongoing communication with CAMHS in order to meet the needs of the child.

We are committed to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children and young people across Cheshire West and Chester and provide the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about this or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Joule or Mrs Lowe at school.

And Finally

During the coming weeks please do not hesitate to contact us should the need arise via the school office or please use the following email accounts:

Reception: reception@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 1: year1@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 2: year2@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 3: year3@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 4: year4@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 5: year5@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 6: year6@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Kind regards

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Head teacher