

Weekly Newsletter

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20 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued understanding and support for our schools. Despite the current lockdown, staff in our schools are working incredibly hard to educate and support students alongside maintaining the stringent Covid-19 measures to keep our school communities safe. Having the support of parents and carers, particularly when we have seen cases, is very much appreciated.

We have started to see a small number of cases in a couple of our schools this week. Parents and carers whose children are required to self-isolate have already been notified and our schools are providing online learning resources for those children to allow them to continue their education from home. We know that parents and children will understandably be worried when there is a case in school. Please be assured that the measures our schools are following have proven to be very effective in managing positive cases and we continue to work closely with Public Health.

These cases again serve as a reminder that we must all remain vigilant of the coronavirus symptoms - we have included the full list of symptoms and what you should do on the second page of our newsletter.

In other news, our schools are very much looking forward to Christmas and have already started planning some exciting activities.

As always, if you have any questions or feedback please do contact your child's school in the usual way.

We hope all families have a safe and restful weekend.

Admissions Consultation for 2022-23 Entry

This year's Admissions Consultation is being jointly held by all admissions authorities in the City of York between 12 October and 29 November 2020. The consultation includes the admissions policies and planned number of places available at each school for entry in September 2022. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please visit the admissions page on our website or www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation

In our schools this week...



Children at Tang Hall Primary School took part in Odd Socks Day to help raise awareness of bullying in support of Anti Bullying Week.

Well done to Acomb Primary School who managed to raise an impressive £461.88 through generous donations to support Children in Need.



Year 4 at St Lawrence's CE Primary School have been getting hands on with some practical science experiments this week exploring how the digestive system works!



Pupils at New Earswick have been trying their hand at curling.



Pupils at Rufforth have been creating their own illuminated letters.

Coronavirus Information and Guidance

National Lockdown Restrictions

To help protect our schools and prevent the spread of coronavirus we are urging all members of our school communities to follow the lockdown rules.

Under the lockdown restrictions:

- You should stay at home except for the purposes of education, work (if you can't work from home), exercise, medical reasons, shopping for essentials or to care for others.
- Households must not mix with others either indoors or in gardens.
- You can meet one person from another household in an outdoor public space.
- Support bubbles for people who live alone and single parent households can continue.
- Informal childcare support bubbles for children aged 13 and under can continue.
- Children can move between homes if their parents are separated.
- Schools, nurseries, colleges and universities are remaining open.
- Childminders and nannies can continue to provide childcare, including in people's homes.
- You can exercise outdoors on your own, with members of your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household.
- All leisure and activity centres are closed.
- All pubs and restaurants are closed (except for deliveries and takeaways).
- All non-essential shops are closed (click-and-collect and deliveries can continue).
- All personal care venues are closed, including hair and beauty salons.
- Supermarkets, food shops, off-licenses, petrol stations and pharmacies are open.
- Medical services can continue, including dentists and opticians.

The measures we have listed above are the ones that we believe are likely to affect the majority of families. For more information and the full list of restrictions, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

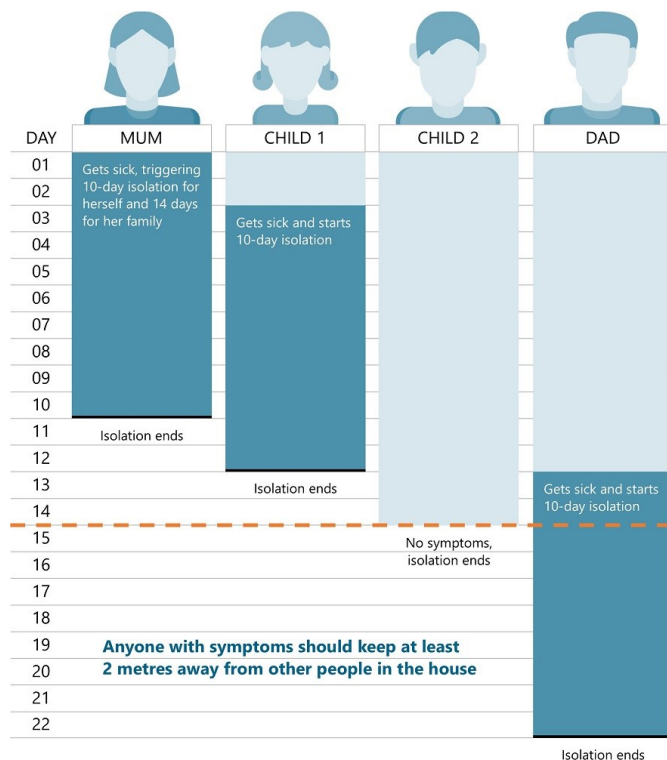
Coronavirus symptoms

To help keep our schools safe, it is vital that we all remain vigilant of the coronavirus 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.

If your child or anyone in your household, childcare bubble or support bubble has any of these symptoms (however mild) you must not come into school and you should arrange a coronavirus test as soon as possible by calling 119 or visiting: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test.

All members of your household and childcare or support bubble must self-isolate if someone has symptoms or has tested positive for the virus.



Coronavirus: information and advice

You can find everything you need to know, including all the latest information and updates on the Pathfinder website by clicking latest updates button.

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