

Purbrook Junior School – Mr C Williams, Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 7th June 2021 –

INSET DAY

Friday 23rd July 2021 –

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BITESIZE NEWS

Please remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19.

If you or your child have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus, get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the results.

The main symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Children must not attend school if they have any symptoms of Coronavirus



Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again we have all had another challenging week managing both the demands of children attending school and the remote learning for those children who are at home. No doubt you will be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement on Wednesday this week that schools will remain closed to the majority of children until at least 8th March 2021.

I am aware that this news will be disappointing to many of our families. However, please remain positive – you are all doing a fantastic job, whether that be in helping your child(ren) at home with their learning, or attending work as a critical worker in the fight against Coronavirus. I know many of you are liaising with your year group teachers. Please continue to do this.

Last week I shared with you some hints and tips for helping your child with their learning at home – please do take the time to read this. If you have any specific issues or concerns with your child, please do get in touch with one of our Pastoral Team here at Purbrook Junior School. The team consists of myself, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Mott, Mrs Ginn and Mrs Johnson - we are here to help you. If you need to talk to someone, either telephone the school on 023 9225 4577 or email adminoffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk and one of the team will get in contact with you.

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 Testing for School Staff

The Department for Education has started a programme of asymptomatic Covid-19 testing for all staff in primary schools. Purbrook Junior School staff have commenced their twice weekly testing regime this week.

This testing will complement our existing procedures to help staff members and children work and learn in as safe an environment as possible. Up to one in three people who have Covid-19 have the virus without symptoms, so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly. Therefore, in order to break chains of transmission it is important to identify asymptomatic but infectious individuals. By testing staff members we will help to reduce the spread in schools.

The staff will be using Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests that have been widely and successfully used to detect COVID-19 in asymptomatic individuals. These are a quick and convenient way of detecting the virus in individuals who would not otherwise be tested. The tests are self-administered at home and all test outcomes are reported to the government 'Test and Trace' system as well as the school.

If the LFD test is positive then any close contacts within that staff member's bubble would be contacted and would need to self-isolate in accordance with government guidance. The member of staff will then need to book and undertake a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, at a test centre, to confirm the positive result. If this test result is also returned as positive then the period of self-isolation for staff and children will need to continue as

stipulated in the guidance. However, if the outcome of this more accurate PCR test is negative, then staff and children can end their isolation and return to school.

As a school, we will of course seek to communicate the outcomes of any positive test results to you as quickly as possible so that you know if bubbles need to close and when they are able to reopen. As always, I would like thank-you for your continuing support. If you have any further queries regarding staff testing, please feel welcome to contact me.

Online meetings

From a safeguarding perspective, it is imperative that we monitor, evaluate and review our work regarding best practice online. As a result of this, we are refining some of our expectations when entering an online meeting.

Please can you ensure that when your child enters an online meeting via their chosen device, it is very clear who the user is. If we see an unknown name/ user in the waiting room for zoom e.g. Tony's I phone we will not permit entry. Please can you check the individual device settings to enable this to be successful. Also, we expect cameras to be switched on so that we can see the children and know it is them . Please help and support us with this.

If we are unsure of anyone's identity trying to gain access to a meeting , we will not allow them to join the meeting. This is in the best interests of the meeting and your child's safety online. Thank you for your continued understanding.

Pastoral Care – school website

Over the past few days, the Pastoral Team (Mr Williams, Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Mott, Mrs Ginn and Mrs Johnson) and Mr Gibbs have created a 'Pastoral Care' page on the school website. The aim is to support the school community in feeling more positive, confident and optimistic during these times. This will be reinforced through positive quotes and videos, useful websites and resources and mindfulness activities. We understand the challenges that we are all currently facing, and we felt it was important, as a school, to support the community as much as we possibly can. Please take the time to visit – the page will be updated regularly.



<http://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/pastoral-care/>

Yours sincerely

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

Check out this local initiative on Facebook (Widley Food Donations at The Hampshire Rose). A great example of local communities helping each other.

Widley Food Donations

This page has been set up by four volunteers that live locally. Our aim is to become a hub for food donations. We would also like to offer collections for people that would benefit from a food parcel.



We are in the early process of organising this & would appreciate any advice or volunteers. At the moment Emma and Adam from The Hampshire Rose Pub have kindly agreed

Help Your Neighbours The Hampshire Rose Pub will be accepting your food & hygiene donations on the following dates and times: Saturday's 11-12 & Tuesday's 3-4	Non Perishables Tinned foods Washing powder Fabric softener Washing up liquid Washing liquid Cleaning products Milk Pasta Dried fruits Rice Dried soups	LONG LIFE PRODUCTS Pet food Baby food Pet food Dried Dried soups Tea Coffee Hygiene Toilet rolls Sanitary products Shower gels Shampoo
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