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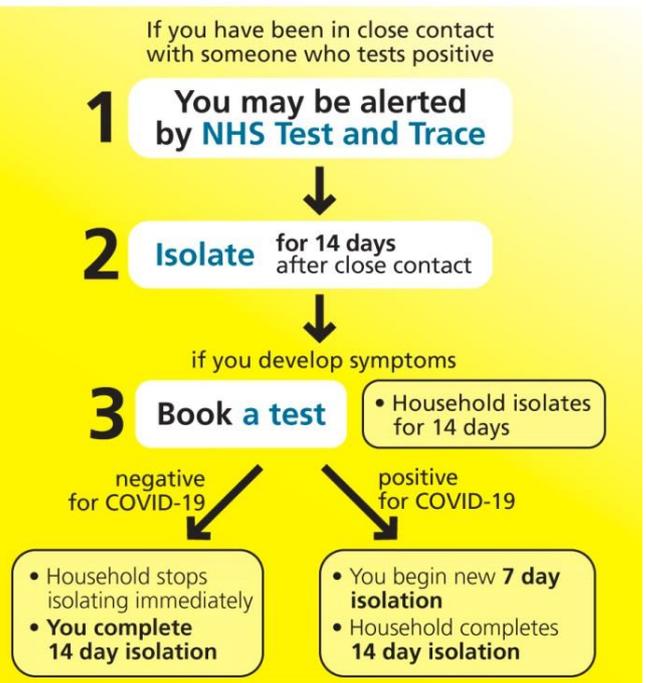
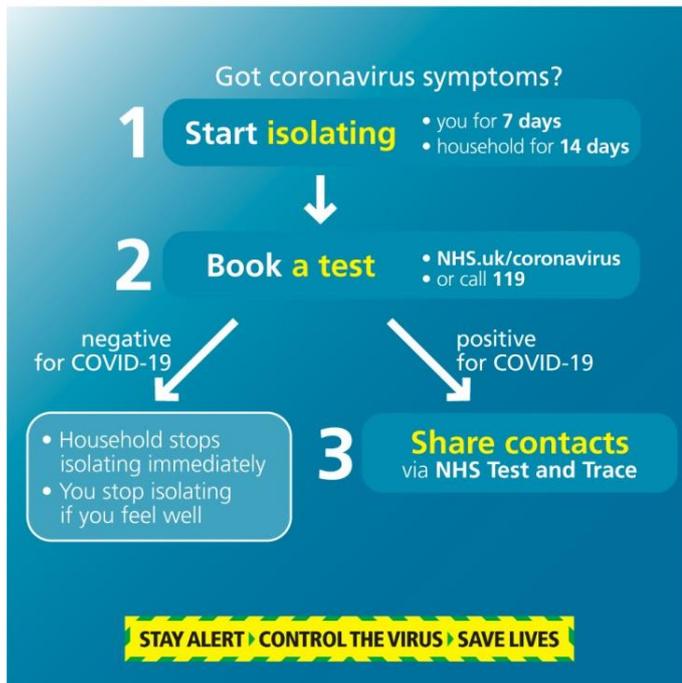
School is now open for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. For all other year groups school is closed until further notice. Our school office remains closed but our emails will be monitored and we will endeavour to respond to all emails within 24 hours. Our email address is office@stsimonandstjude.leics.sch.uk

COVID-19 Advice: Stay alert

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.



Support with Home Learning

For support with home learning activities please email Mrs Hosmer at k.hosmer@stsimonandstjude.leics.sch.uk and she will be able to help you.

If you need additional supplies of paper, books, pencils etc please let Mrs Jackson know when she telephones you or email office@stsimonandstjude.leics.sch.uk and Mrs Dolby-Molson will arrange delivery of the items.



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Homework

Home Learning activities will be emailed home weekly for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. This information is also available on our website.

As EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 are now back at school, students in those groups who are not attending should visit our website for home learning activities and links to educational websites.



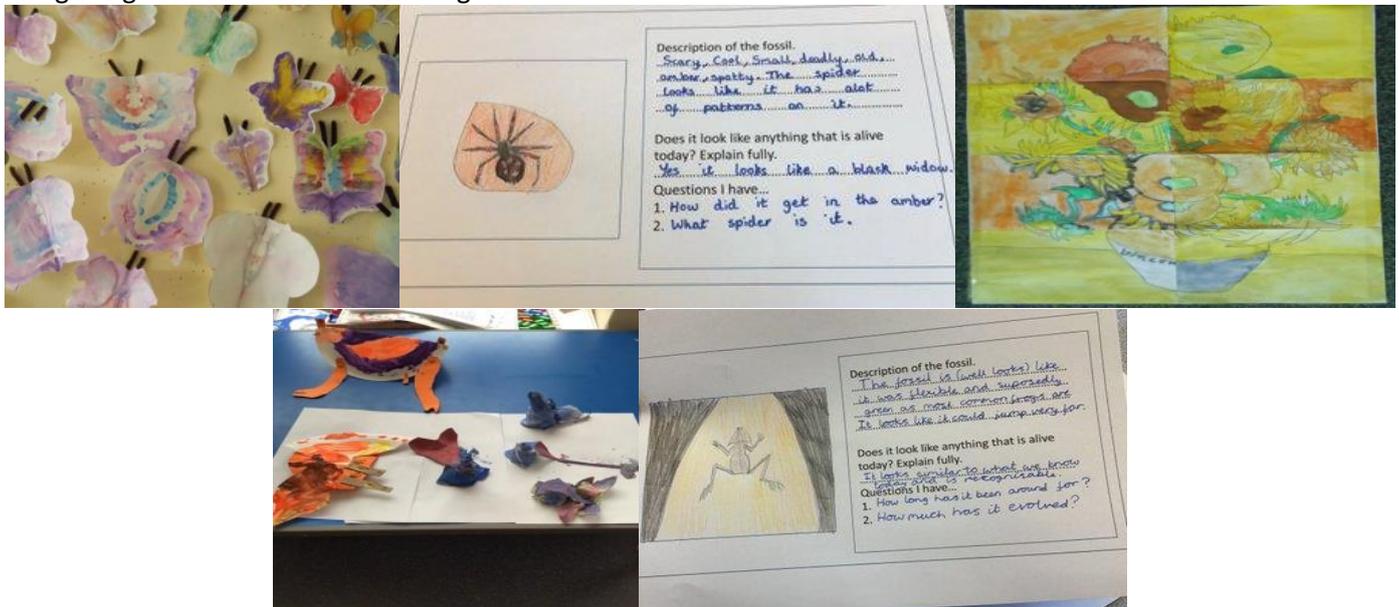
School Meals

We have been advised by Leicestershire County Council that all paid for school meals will increase to **£2.30** each from the Autumn Term.



In School News

This week school has been open to children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. They have been doing lots of fun activities whilst following the guidance on social distancing.



Home Learning News

Thank you to everyone who has sent us pictures of their home learning. It is giving all our staff a boost to see you all. Keep them coming in.



Twitter

For lots of information about what is happening please follow us on twitter @highamDLAT. We are posting lots of great home learning examples and some useful educational links.



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Hinckley Library

Summer Reading Challenge 2020: Leicestershire Libraries are Going Digital!

Leicestershire Libraries are delivering the all-new Digital Only Summer Reading Challenge from The Reading Agency this summer so that they can reach as many children and families as possible. You can sign up your child at sillysquad.org.uk



All libraries will be closed until further notice. They have extended book loans until 4th July. If you have a library book you will not need to return it until then. If you have a library card library books can be borrowed from an app called borrow box. For more information on this go to <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/digital-library-services/ebooks>



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Pupil Premium is additional funding paid to schools for pupils who have been registered for free schools meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years. Schools receive this funding to support their eligible pupils and narrow the attainment gap between them and their peers. If your child is eligible but in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 (where they are eligible for Universal Infant Free Meals) you still need to register for Free School Meals.

Free School Meal Eligibility

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you they or their parents/guardians receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals you can complete a claim form online at www.leicestershire.gov.uk or telephone 0116 3055770 for more information.

Even if you do not wish them to have the meals, registering for free school meals entitles your child to some additional benefits such as free uniform and school trip subsidies; it also raises extra funding for the school to fund valuable support such as extra tuition, staff and activities.

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Internet Safety

AGE RESTRICTION
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Instagram
Instagram is an image and video sharing app that allows users to share moments with the world. The app has a live streaming feature and additional add-ons, such as 'Boomerang,' 'Hyperlapse' and 'Layout,' which can be used to enhance their feed. Users can choose to add filters and make adjustments, such as brightness / contrast to their photos. To make their content more 'searchable,' users can include hashtags in their uploads to make them easier to find.

What parents need to know about INSTAGRAM

LIVE STREAMING TO STRANGERS
The live stream feature on Instagram allows users to connect with their friends and followers in real-time. Followers can comment on the video during the broadcast (which can be turned off in the settings). If your child has a private account, only their approved followers can see their story. It is important to note that they still may have followers that they do not know, which means they could be live streaming to strangers. A public account allows anybody to view their story. We suggest that your child goes through their followers list and blocks anyone they do not know. An additional risk with live streams is that your child may do something that they regret. This could be captured by a viewer taking a screenshot and then shared around the internet.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE, BODY IMAGE & MENTAL HEALTH
When people use filters on their photos on Instagram, it can set unrealistic expectations and create feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem in children. Children may strive for a comparable number of 'likes' to a realistically edited with the risk of drastically lowering your child's confidence or sense of self-worth.

PHOTO / VIDEO SHARING
Posting photos and videos is Instagram's biggest selling point, but with sharing images comes risks. A photo which includes landmarks in the area, their school uniform, street name, house and even tagging in the location of the photo uploaded to Instagram can expose the child's location, making it easy to locate them. If their account is not set to private, anyone can access their account and see their location.

HIJACKED HASHTAGS
Like Twitter, hashtags are also an extremely prominent tool in Instagram and with that comes dangers for your child. One person may use a seemingly innocent hashtag with one particular thing in mind, and before you know it hundreds of people could be using the same hashtag for something inappropriate or dangerous that your child certainly shouldn't be exposed to.

IN-APP PAYMENTS
Instagram allows payments for products directly through the app. It operates under the same rules as Facebook Payments, which state that if you are under the age of 18, you can only use this feature with the involvement of a parent or guardian.

LOCATION TAGGING
Public locations can be added to a user's photos/videos and also to their stories. While this may seem like a good idea at the time, it can expose the location of your child. This is particularly more of a risk if it is on their story, as it is real time.

INSTAGRAM TV
Instagram TV works similarly to YouTube. Users can watch videos from their favourite accounts on the platform, or create their own channel and post their own videos. It's important to note that anyone can create their own Instagram TV channel and you don't have to be friends with a person to follow an account and watch their videos. Ultimately, features are encouraging users to spend more time on the app, therefore it's important to set time limits and ensure their devices are not disturbing their sleep and performance at school.

Top Tips for Parents

REMOVE PAYMENT METHODS
If you are happy for your child to have a card associated with their Instagram account, we suggest adding a PIN which needs to be entered before making a payment; this will also help prevent unauthorised purchases. This can be added in the payment settings tab.

RESTRICT MESSAGES
If your child's account is not set to private, anybody can message them and reply to their stories. If they do wish to keep their account public, we strongly recommend changing the message reply settings to restrict who can message them.

USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT
By default, any image or video your child uploads to Instagram is visible to anyone. A private account means that you have to approve a request if somebody wants to follow you and only people you approve will see your posts and videos.

FILTER INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS
Instagram announced on 1st May that they now have an 'anti-bullying' filter on the app. This new filter hides comments relating to a person's appearance or character, as well as threats to a person's wellbeing or health. The filter will also alert Instagram to repeated problems so they can take action against the user if necessary. This is an automatic filter, but it can be turned off. Make sure this is turned on in the app's settings.

TURN OFF SHARING
Even though this feature will not stop people from taking screenshots, it will stop others being able to directly share photos and videos from a story as a message to another user. This feature can be turned off in the settings. We also recommend turning off the feature which automatically shares photos and videos from a story to a Facebook account.

NOS National Online Safety
A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com
Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

For more information visit <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

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