



26th November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Covid Symptom Study

New Cangle has partnered with the COVID Symptom Study to help make sure our students are as safe as possible at school, whilst doing our part in creating the world's largest scientific dataset of COVID-19 in children.



We are asking all parents to join the COVID Symptom Study now, by downloading the free app and taking less than 1min a day to report how your child/children are feeling each day. With all parents reporting daily via the app, the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community and help keep our students safe. Importantly, the information you report will be invaluable to critical scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes - the Study will be sure to share any findings from their research with you.

So we are asking all parents to download this app as soon as possible. The app is available to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to Edit Profile for your child's profile > School Network > enter our school's Unique School Network Code (see below) > select the Bubble that your child belongs to.

Our Unique School Network Code is **BK2F5RF**

To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school. For more information, including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app, please head to: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

What is the COVID Symptom Study app and why should you use it?

The COVID Symptom Study app is a not-for-profit initiative that was launched at the end of March 2020 to support vital COVID-19 research. The app was launched by health science company ZOE with scientific analysis provided by King's College London. Now, with over 4 million contributors globally, the Study is the world's largest ongoing study of COVID-19.

The app also provides unique insight on asymptomatic and symptomatic information across the UK which builds into a larger picture for the government and captures information not covered by other means. The Government has been so impressed with the data and research being produced it is now funding ZOE to continue the great work.

All data collected in the app is used anonymously for informing other parents in your child's school and your child's school, and anonymously for research and for public health purposes only. ZOE takes data security and privacy very seriously and enforces best practices to ensure all data is protected. ZOE is required to protect all data by law. As the work that ZOE does takes place in the UK, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation applies.

Ventilation and cold

Current government advice is that classrooms must be ventilated throughout the day. This means having windows open at all times for ventilation, although this can be just a small amount to increase air flow but not freeze everybody inside. If your child needs to wear an extra layer, we are happy for them to do so. This includes items of clothing such as hoodies on top of school jumpers. All our staff are layering up and getting their thermals out!

Polices, including remote learning

Our remote learning policy has now been published and is available on our school website, along with many other policies. Please use this link to view them:

<https://www.newcangleschool.com/parents/school-policies>

Catch up/Tutoring

As part of the National Tutoring Programme, selected children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be receiving free Maths tuition in January on a weekly basis after school. If your child has been selected for this, you will receive more information shortly.

Windows

You may have noticed that we are having windows replaced around the school. We are attempting to do this without too much disruption to classes but some is unavoidable. When a classroom window is being replaced during school hours, the class will be taught in the hall. Parents will be informed by Class Dojo if their class is affected and any change in arrangements.

Christmas cards and presents

Children will be able to bring in Christmas cards for each other if they wish. However, in order to minimise the risk from Covid-19, cards will be quarantined for 72 hours before they are given out in the class. Therefore, all cards should be brought to school and handed to staff by Friday 11th December. They will then be given out the following week.

I've also been asked if staff are accepting presents from children. They will be accepted by staff and quarantined by the staff themselves. Of course, please feel no obligation to give staff Christmas presents.

Term Dates

Term dates for 2021-2022 are on the bottom of this newsletter. We have tried, as much as possible, to match Samuel Ward Academy but a couple of PD Days are not exactly the same, as they do not suit the needs of our school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me, either in person before school, or by Class Dojo, email or a phone call.

Yours faithfully,



Ms J Brading
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM	
Wednesday 1 st September 2021	PD Day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 2 nd September 2021	PD Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 3 rd September 2021	Pupils back to school
Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October 2021	Half term holiday
Monday 1 st November 2021	Pupils back to school
Friday 17 th December 2021	Last day of term
Monday 20 th December 2021 – Monday 3 rd January 2022	Christmas holiday
SPRING TERM	
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	PD Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Pupils back to school
Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February 2022	Half Term holiday
Monday 28 th February 2022	Pupils back to school
Friday 8 th April 2022	Last day of term
Monday 11 th April – Friday 22 nd April 2022	Easter Holiday
SUMMER TERM	
Monday 25 th April 2022	PD Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 26 th April 2022	Pupils back to school
Monday 2 nd May 2022	May Day bank holiday school closed
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2020	Half Term holiday
Monday 6 th June 2022	Pupils back to school
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last day of term
Thursday 21 st July 2022	PD Day - school closed to pupils