

St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful first week of all children returning to school. The children have come back into school beautifully, with smiles on their faces all week. The children have enjoyed Science week this week, ending with a school science quiz on zoom this afternoon. The children were all very excited about getting to see their friends across the school.

The Reception class have been engaging well in their remote learning and it has been lovely to see them continuing with their live lessons. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Friday 19th March.

Next week, the majority of children will be completing Assessment Week. This will inform teachers of any gaps in the children's learning, what they are and will therefore inform planning for teaching over the next term. We will carry out progress meetings following this to discuss each individual child and their learning need.

As you will be aware, we have had a number of positive cases of covid-19 in school over the last few weeks. I would like to take this time to just remind all families of the guidance surrounding covid-19 and what to do if you or our child has symptoms:

What to do if you or your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If you or your child develops symptoms of COVID 19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date their symptoms appeared. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. The 10 day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. Household members staying at home will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able to, you can move any vulnerable individuals (such as elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or

a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
For most people, coronavirus (COVID 19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

If your child has a positive test result please inform school as soon as possible.

To celebrate Red Nose Day (Funny Hair Day!) next Friday 19th, we will be inviting all pupils and staff to come to school with the wackiest of wackiest hairstyles!! We look forward to seeing your crazy hair!

We look forward to seeing you on Monday! Stay safe,
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