



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 2

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Love, Learn, Share, Care - We are God's children doing God's work

Our Christian Value for this half term is Friendship

The new routines in school are becoming second nature and the children are very relaxed and happy. It is such a lovely atmosphere in school. Worship is in class delivered by staff. Thanks to Paul and Philip for providing weekly worship videos to be shared in classes instead of our usual whole school collective worship. I am also providing a weekly worship video that everyone can share in classes.

Our pupils and testing

A number of children have been taken for covid tests due to coughs or temperatures, but each one has so far come back negative. We are in the cold season, but I would like to thank parents for their vigilance in taking children for tests to check. By doing this, you are keeping people in our school community safe.

I am aware of a few schools that have had to close classes/year groups for 14 days because a pupil had tested positive. We continue to keep year groups separate so that if we get a positive case, that year group alone would have to shut down and not the wider school community.

Virtual/on-line learning

In the event of class closures, virtual on-line content will be provided. If a family has a positive case or has come into contact with someone who is covid-positive and have to isolate, virtual work will be provided. Virtual work will not be provided for general short term illness days. If a child is not covid positive and is too unwell for school, they should rest and recuperate for a speedy recovery and return to school.

What do you do if your child has a temperature, cough or loss of taste and smell?

The guidelines state:

If one of your children has symptoms, they should be kept at home and a test arranged. Siblings may still attend school at this point. If the test comes back negative, children can immediately return to school.

If your child or a member of your household tests positive, they must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and can return to school and work after 10 days and when they feel better. The rest of the household must isolate for 14 days.

Parents are finding it difficult to get a test at a centre, but they are finding that persistence works. They tell me if you keep going on line a local centre eventually comes up.

I have received a box of 10 home testing kits in school. I am booked onto a virtual session which provides training in the issuing of these kits on Friday this week. The kits would have to be used at home then collected by courier and I expect they will be reserved for families with no means of transport/car to enable them to get to a testing centre. I will know more at the end of the week, but will not issue kits until I have the full guidance.



School packed lunches

I am aware that a number of children have been unhappy with the lack of variety in the school lunch bag provided. Mrs Hanrahan has been in touch with the Lancashire Catering Manager to see if we can improve what is offered in the lunch bags delivered to classrooms. I have been told that the usual hot dinners cannot be served to classes, but we feel there is scope for improvement. They have sent through some suggestions, which Mrs Hanrahan has shared with Celia, our cook. Celia will trial on Friday next week some of the suggestions which have been sent through for children who are on universal infant school meals and other children who are already booked onto school dinners across school. We hope that this will work well and greater variety can be provided across the week. More information will follow- thank you for your patience.

School Dinners

School dinners for this half term will be £75.90. Please could dinner accounts be kept in credit.

Head Lice

There have been a few reports of head lice in the Infant Classes. Please be vigilant and treat as necessary.

Uniform and Coats

Please could parents ensure that uniform is clearly named. This includes coats.

Wellfield High School - Open Evening Information

Please find below information we have received from the Headteacher at Wellfield High School regarding their Open Evening Information.

- The school website is: <https://www.whs.lancs.sch.uk>
- Promotional videos <https://www.whs.lancs.sch.uk/about-us>
- Anyone interested in a socially distanced tour to contact the school directly (01772 421303 or enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk).

Term dates for your information

Fri 16.10.20	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Mon 2.11.20	School opens after half term
Fri 4.12.20	This is an normal school day as the original proposal for an inset day was cancelled.