



Weston Turville C E School

"To Pursue Wisdom Within a Christian Ethos"

Weekly Notes 16th September

Issues Caused by Covid-19

We were very disappointed to have to close our new pre-school this week on Tuesday and the first session of two Fridays. This was because the Pre-School Leader's child had a bad cough and it was impossible to secure a Covid test, despite educational personnel falling into the keyworker category. This is extremely frustrating for parents and staff because we were promised that the Test and Trace system would be fit for purpose by the time schools re-opened this month. We can only apologise to parents for the inconvenience and disruption to the children's education.

In this case, we were unable to keep the pre-school open because of the legal ratios of adults to children, and the fact that staff from other social bubbles cannot cover absences, especially with the younger children who can't social distance. The vision is that once the testing system is working correctly there will be a turnaround of about 24 hours which will minimize the inconvenience.

However, unfortunately, even with a better Test and Trace system this is the shape of life to come for the next few months. Classes and year groups in schools across the country have closed temporarily and will continue to close at short notice when members of social bubbles are confirmed to have the virus. This is something we will all have to get used to.

The government says that one of the problems is that people with the common cold are asking for Covid tests. They are asking us all to be aware that the symptoms to look for are –

High temperature, new persistent cough, loss of taste and/or smell

Although it is possible to have cold symptoms with the virus, if you or your child has a runny nose and no fever it is highly unlikely to be the Covid-19 virus and therefore you should not need a test, and if your child is well enough they should not need to miss school.



RECOGNISING CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS

SYMPTOMS	CORONAVIRUS Symptoms range from mild to severe	COLD Gradual onset of symptoms	FLU Rapid onset of symptoms	HAYFEVER	ASTHMA
Fever ($\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Common	Rare	Common	No	No
Cough	Common (usually dry & continuous)	Mild	Common (usually dry)	Sometimes (usually dry)	Sometimes (wheeze & cough)
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No	No	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Rare	Common	Sometimes	No
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	'Itchy' throat	No
Runny / stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common	No
Sneezing	No	Common	No	Common	Rare
Aches & pains	Sometimes	Common	Common	No	No
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	No
Diarrhoea	Rare	No	Sometimes (for children)	No	No

Adapted from: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

If you need advice we are of course available to help but please understand that we are not medical experts and you know your child better than we do. **We cannot therefore make a diagnosis for you.**

Cycling to School

Is your child asking to cycle or scoot to school? They are now welcome to do so.

Year 5 and 6 pupils should store their bikes in the rack near their classroom (they can wheel them through the rear entrance).

Year 3 and 4 pupils should store their bikes/scooters in the bike shed at the main entrance.

Early Years children should store their bikes/scooters inside the entrance to the Foundation Stage play area.

New Governors Needed!

We have already had one parent step forward to stand as a parent governor! If you would be interested please let us know as there is more than one vacancy, and we would be delighted to welcome more parents onto the Governing Body.

The Chair of Governors, Paul Fyfe, can be contacted at pfyfe@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk or you can contact Ms Brooks, the Headteacher, at head@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk

Disabled Parking Spots

One of our parents has asked us to remind everyone that the disabled parking spots at the end of the Village Hall Car Park are for disabled users only. We would be grateful if you could use the other spots instead.

Secondary School Applications

Despite the delay on the 11+ testing dates Year 6 parents should still apply for secondary school places by the 31st October deadline. A letter has been sent out to each of you with instructions for accessing the online portal and a unique identification number to do so. You will need to select both grammar and upper schools for your preferences, and then the County systems will update them automatically on 11+ results day.

Deadline day - 31st October - is in Half Term.

Family and Individual Photos

On Tuesday 29th September Danny Higgins will be coming to take individual photos of all the children during the school day.

Danny is also able to take pictures of sibling groups. If you would like to take advantage of this and you have younger children who do not attend the school you will need to bring your children to the school between 8.15 and 9am and wait in a socially distanced queue. Pictures will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Danny has asked us to let you know that sibling groups will take longer than usual this year because the seat will need to be sanitised between each family so you will need to be prepared to wait longer.

If you have siblings in the school and would like them to be photographed together please let us know and we will arrange for this during the day.

Uniform

We have had quite a lot of lost kit turning up with no name in it. It is then impossible to return it to the owner because all our uniform looks the same! Please could you name your child's school uniform.

A note on PE kit.... This must also be uniform and different coloured sweatshirts, shorts and designer kit is not allowed.

And finally...

Our Collective Worship theme for the next two weeks is **Honesty**. This is one of our six Christian values. We have talked about the sentence 'Honesty is the best policy', the choice of telling the truth or a lie and the reasons we might choose to lie. The older children have also had a chance to think about the grey area of 'white lies' and the challenges that brings, and also that lying to someone shows a lack of respect for them.

Stars of the Week

Class 6 – Xavier H, Mylo E-S, Kaydee D
Class 5 – Renae B, Emily W, Haydan M
Class 4 – Lily-Grace L, Charlie S, Jacob W
Class 3 – George C, Annaliese N, Daniel T
Class 2 – Olivia R, Gabriel N, Ella K
Class 1 – Alex A, Corban L, Olivia W
Class R – Oliver T-Q, Theodora Y, Max C

Shining Stars

Class 6 – Aisha R, Ellis H, Grace B, Kaydee D, Ramanuja G
Class 5 – Michael S, William C, Alfie T-L, Alexander D, Hassan R, Lily R, Ethan M
Class 4 – Alfie-J L, Anton C, Theo S, Charlotte R, William B, Charlie S, Nia M, Annabella S
Class 3 – Otis S, Lyla R, Ralph F-S, Mason G, Ethan P, Noah D
Class 2 – Ella K, Gabriel N, James A, Oliver M

Wise Owls

Class 6 – Leigha G, Emily H
Class 5 – Harley K, Elsie O'C
Class 4 – Toby H, Jayson S, Marnie N, Thomas W
Class 3 – Florence E, Dominic A, Luke O'C, Sam A, Ruben-James K

Congratulations to everyone for a great first week!

House Points

INGRAM 0

KIRTLAND 0

LANGSTONE 0

RICKARD 0

Dates for the Calendar

29th September – School Photos
23rd October – School closes for Half Term
3rd/5th November – 11+ papers
8th November – Remembrance Service in the village
18th December – School closes



COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

A quick guide for parents/carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...if a child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours. The child should not be tested again unless they develop new symptoms*</p> <p>If the test result is positive, then see below.</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days Other household members should not get tested unless they develop symptoms because even if they tested negative, they must still isolate for 14 days 	<p>...after 10 days has passed so long as the child is feeling better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...if the household member test is negative, and the child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days No need for the child to get tested unless they develop symptoms 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they tested negative during the 14 days</p>



...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they tested negative during those 14 days
- Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too

...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they tested negative during those 14 days



...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine

- Do not take unauthorised leave in term time
- Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advise when booking travel
- Provide information to school as per attendance policy

Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days

...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days



...we have received advice from a medical/official source that my child must resume shielding

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team
- Child should shield until you are informed that their restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again

...when school/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again



...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)

- Only people with symptoms* need to get a test
- People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tested positive

...when conditions above as matching your situation, are met

*Symptoms include a high temperature, a new continuous cough and loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

For further information: gmhscp.contracttracing@nhs.net
www.gov.uk/backtoschool

New Government Guidance:
Only six people from multiple households can now meet up for social gathering, both indoors and outdoors. For more information please visit: www.gov.uk/coronavirus



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Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Weston Turville C of E School** if they sign up by Monday 25th January. Parents should quote WSTO250121 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

The nearest classes to Weston Turville C of E School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

Perform Wendover (Drama for 4-7s)
(1.9 miles)
Tuesdays **at 4pm**

Wendover Memorial Hall
Wharf Road,
HP22 6HF

Perform Wendover (Drama for 7-12s)
(1.9 miles)
Tuesdays **at 5.05pm**

Wendover Memorial Hall
Wharf Road,
HP22 6HF

Perform Tring (Drama for 4-7s)
(4.2 miles)
Tuesdays **at 4pm**

Tring Baptist Church
89 High Street,
HP23 4AB

Perform Tring (Drama for 7-12s)
(4.2 miles)
Tuesdays **at 5.05pm**

Tring Baptist Church
89 High Street,
HP23 4AB

Perform Berkhamsted (Drama for 4-7s)
(8.4 miles)
Wednesdays **at 4pm**

Friends Meeting House
289, High Street,
HP4 1AJ

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).