

25th September 2020

Dear Parents

Covid-19 – Important Reminders

The NHS defines the main symptoms of coronavirus as:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you, your child, or anyone in your household has any of the above symptoms, you must stay at home and book a coronavirus test. **Your child must not come to school.** Please do not unnecessarily put staff and other children at risk and please support the school in trying to keep the school community as safe as possible.

Accompanying this Friday Letter is a letter from the Director of Public Health, Professor Jim McManus.

Social distancing – we are working tirelessly in school to make sure that class bubbles don't mix. Please help to support the school by ensuring that you 2m social distance from other families on the playground and as you walk to and from school. Thank you.

If your child has a covid-19 test, they must not come to school until you have obtained the negative result.

No child may attend school whilst they are waiting for a test result.

It is vitally important that you inform us if your child has had a test for covid-19.

Shepherd Primary School Blog

Don't forget to check our School Blog this week (www.shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org) where you'll find Blog entries from me, alongside class posts.



General Information...

Welcome Back Year 6

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 6 back to school on Monday.

School Dinners

Starting on Monday, we will be recommencing serving hot dinners to children on alternate weeks, as follows:

Week commencing	Children in Reception and Years 1-3	Children in Years 4-6
28 th September	Hot or cold school dinners	Cold school dinners
5 th October	Cold school dinners	Hot or cold school dinners
12 th October	Hot or cold school dinners	Cold school dinners
19 th October	Cold school dinners	Hot or cold school dinners

The new menu is on School Grid and is also available on our school website.

If your child's class can order hot school meals then they can also order the cold meal choice if they prefer. Please note that all wraps, baguettes and rolls are cold options.

Please make sure that you order from the right set of hot or cold choices – if by mistake you order a hot meal in a week that your child is having cold school lunches, then their order will be swapped to a cold lunch.

Free School Meals

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).



To apply, please visit the Hertfordshire County Council Website:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. An application takes just a few minutes to complete.

School Shoes

Please make sure that your child has a spare pair of shoes in a plastic bag, in school - the shoes can be left in school, in the plastic bag, hanging on your child's peg. The spare pair of shoes are to wear on the field and can be either be an old pair of trainers or a pair of wellington boots. If you don't have a spare pair of shoes for your child to wear outside, then please send them to school with a spare pair of indoor shoes to wear in school - plimsoles for example.



Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of a young person or child you are able to make an anonymous referral through Hertfordshire County Council, by calling **0300 123 4043** and selecting option 1.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C Foad'.

Mrs Claire Foad
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