

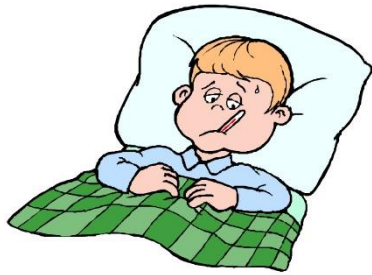


Eagle School & Little Eagles Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2
Friday 11th September 2020

Dear School Families ☺

The weekly newsletter continues to be a means of sharing updates and important information in relation to our post-lockdown return. I apologise for the quantity of information, but I am sure that you appreciate as government changes come into place, it is vital that we keep you informed.



Feeling Unwell

This time of year is typical for coughs and colds and we usually grab our tissues and get on with it. Under these circumstances, the precautionary steps taken by families this week if children have been unwell have been greatly appreciated. I am aware that this has an impact on the flow of learning, but the health of us all in these unprecedented times is critical. If you or your child(ren) have any of the Covid-19 symptoms you/they must get a test and anyone you live with must stay home until you/they get your result – this includes those in your support bubble also.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- 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

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result. If you are worried, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service or 999 in an emergency.

Any call to school in relation to illness will require you to give us your child's symptoms and we will need you to rule out high temperature, cough or change to sense of smell/taste as any one of these symptoms requires a test. Please call on every day of the absence and inform us of any changes to symptoms. If you are taking a Covid-19 test, school has to inform the Lincolnshire Health Protection Team of all cases and suspected cases. Our out-of-hours number for **Covid-ONLY** communication is: **07938 642536**. Thank you.

Mitigating Risks at School

One of the many measures we have put in place is the rolling window for arrival and departure from school with separate gates for all groups to enter the school site. The morning window (8.45-.855) is working very well, with a steady flow of children coming into site and using the hand wash facilities and organising their belongings which allows for a prompt and collective teaching start.



I have managed to observe this system a little this week and having synchronised our clocks in school, we have tried to be more prompt for the afternoon rolling window (3.10-3.20) in order to facilitate the continued movement around the school area. Please note, that if you arrive at 3.20 and there are not many people around, you are NOT late, this is the purpose of the 'window'. As we get more used to this, we will incorporate speaking & listening, mental maths, drill & skill type activities during this time to keep children busy.

You can help us by telling your child(ren) how they can pack themselves up for their departure so they are travelling with minimal items to carry. Also, by keeping the flow of people moving and avoiding congregating around the school area is greatly appreciated. Just as we pass people in open spaces, this transient moment is not considered as 'contact' as I am aware that the path is narrow – we experienced a delay in getting our plants trimmed by the fence but this has now been done. I have no doubt that any other issues on any path around the school or village can be supported by the parish council.

Travelling by Car

I am sure that you will be aware that travelling by car is classed as close contact. Therefore if anybody is in your car that is not in your family bubble, all people should wear a face mask.

In addition, we have unfortunately had complaints this week about the parking in Merlin Close and we have noted cars parking in the staff car park. Please may I politely request that you park respectfully of resident access in the school surrounding area and be aware that the school car park is for staff only. Staff are aware of specific times in the day when vehicular movement is not allowed due to the movement of children, primarily from Little Eagles at several points in the day. Thank you for your support in this matter.



School Lunches

For families that are ordering their child(ren) a school packed lunch, please ask them what they would like, check if it was to their taste and ask if they could get used to it if it's not quite how mum or dad makes it. Some children are getting used to school packed lunches and others are not keen. So that you can see what they eat, we are sending the left-overs home so that you can make an informed decision about what or if to order. If no box comes home, they ate the lot. If they regularly bring lots of leftovers, please consider if this is the right option for lunch as it could get wasteful in terms of food and finance, either for yourselves or school.

Visitors on the School Site

We have created a detailed addendum to our Coronavirus policy and practice in respect of people coming on to the school site. This is essentially limited to health and safety needs and supplementary educational support. Therefore we have postponed the normal School Photograph process until hopefully January/February time when we will hopefully know more. We do not have the space and capacity to accommodate the flow of all children in school, and trying to facilitate this outside at a distance may be cancelled due to poor weather or not the photographer's choice if the wind blows, it's too far away, the background, etc. We understand that this may be disappointing to some, however in the light of further restrictions, we feel that it is the right decision.

Use of Technology

We are all using devices more and more to keep in touch and this is likely to increase further. We are working with our IT team to establish our remote functionality and this will be communicated as soon as possible. Also, we are considering e-safety for all. There was a communication earlier this week and we will be sending e-safety leaflets home each week that cover a range of topics. They may be particularly relevant, perhaps more suitable for yourselves or teenage children, or something to glance over and not need currently. Please accept these as signposting and intended as support if applicable. Thank you.



Apologies once again for the long communication. We wish everyone well as we continue to get used to our new way of organising, well, everything! In the meantime, please remember the new slogan: Hands, Face, Space and keep yourselves, your family and your community happy and healthy.

Kind regards, Hayley Adams



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