



Dear Parents

I hope that you have been able to enjoy the sunshine this weekend. This newsletter contains information about two 'Zoom' meetings for parents and some 'questions and answers' about COVID-19.

Zoom Meetings

What happens when a bubble goes into lockdown: Zoom meeting Monday 28th September 6pm

At this meeting we will explain what happens if a class bubble or year group bubble has to close and our arrangements for remote learning.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please complete the Microsoft form. The form will also give you the opportunity to ask school leaders any questions that you may have. Please note that for security reasons the Zoom meeting will be locked at 6.05pm and we will not be able to admit latecomers.

Relationships and Health Education consultation: Zoom meeting Thursday 1st October 6pm

Last year, we held a joint meeting for parents with Turnfurlong Junior School to discuss and consult on our Relationships and Health Education policies. This policy had been due to be statutory from September 2020, but due to lockdown, the Department for Education allowed schools to defer the introduction of Relationships and Health Education until the Summer term if full consultation with parents had not taken place.

Following our initial introductory meeting we set up a working group with parents from both schools. At the first working group meeting we consulted on two strands of the policy: Living in the Wider World and Health and Well-being. The final meeting will be focused on the third and final strand of the policy: Relationships.

The meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday 1st October at 6pm.

We will send out further information about the meeting on Friday 25th September. This will include a summary of comments and questions raised at the previous working group meeting. If you wish to be part of the Zoom meeting it is important that you complete the online Microsoft form which will be sent out with the information on Friday 25th September to register your interest. If you do not wish to attend, or cannot attend for any reason, the form will also give you the opportunity to ask school leaders any questions that you may have.

COVID questions and answers

My child has a cold. What do I do now?

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we often see an increase in children and staff with colds. This year we are all, understandably, more anxious about this. A runny nose and sneezing are not normally symptoms of coronavirus and, if your child is not feeling unwell,

they can be at school with a cold. If their symptoms change, we will ask you to come and collect your child.

When should a child be tested?

If your child has any of the following symptoms, you should inform the school, keep them at home and arrange for them to be tested

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

Please remember that if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms you must all isolate until that person has had the results of a test. From Monday 28th September, failure to self-isolate in these circumstances will be a criminal offence that is punishable with a fine of up to £10,000.

Please see the NHS website below for further information about what tests results mean and the actions to take following a negative or positive result.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/>

Does school have tests?

All schools were provided with 10 test kits at the beginning of term. We can only give these tests in the following circumstances:

- a child has developed symptoms whilst at school
- a parent is unable to access a test through the usual channels

Will my child be given work to do at home?

If your child is at home because you have told us they are unwell we will not be sending work home. We will provide work via email from the second day of absence in the following circumstances:

- a child is at home because they are self-isolating and they are waiting for the results of a test but they are otherwise well
- a child is self-isolating because another member of the household is waiting for the results of a test or has received a positive test result

I keep hearing that there will be another national lockdown. Will this happen?

The honest answer is, we just don't know what will happen, but the picture is changing very quickly. Infection rates are rising. The most important things that you can do to help prevent this from happening and to keep yourself and everyone else safe is to:

- remember social distancing at pick up and drop off time
- keep to the 'rule of 6' before and after school – move quickly away from the school gates
- wear a mask in public spaces
- keep up a good handwashing routine

Headteachers hear about changes in policy at the same time as the general public and we then have to react to guidance as it is released. The guidance can also be subject to change at very short notice. This certainly keeps us on our toes!

In all of the guidance that I have read however, it is clear that the Government wants Primary schools to close only as a last resort. Other restrictions would be put in place to try to avoid that happening.

Book bags

Children may have **one single keyring** attached to their book bag. Multiple keyrings make the bag too bulky to fit into the trays in the classroom.

Safety at the beginning and end of the day

Please ensure that children do not climb on any of the playground walls at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you.

Headlice

PLEASE could you all check your children for headlice and treat them if necessary. Any pharmacy will give you advice on the best way to treat your child. It is important to check heads regularly, even after treatment.

School lunches

Hot lunches will recommence on Monday 5th October, the order form is being sent home today. Please complete and return to school **asap**.

If you do not want to order a hot meal, please tick the box indicating that you will be providing a packed lunch from home.

If there are any new pupils with a medically confirmed food allergy who would like to order a hot lunch, please email the school office (office@turnfurlong-inf.bucks.sch.uk). You will be sent a form to complete which we will forward to Chartwells, the food provider. They are able to provide a special diet meal, but this may take a few weeks to implement.