



Weekly Bulletin 5th March 2021

8th March Children return to school
10th March Class 4 Forest School
23rd March Bag2School – FOSS

Children return to school

We are delighted to welcome all the children back to school on Monday. During the next few weeks we will be reconnecting with everyone, celebrating the things they have learnt (both planned and unexpected) and identifying exactly what learning should come next. Thank you for your continued support.

Please read the return to school letter and the risk assessment to ensure we continue to keep each other safe; both documents can be found on the school website.

Drop off and pick up windows

	Drop off	Pick up
If the eldest's child's surname falls in the alphabet A-M inclusively	8.45-8.50	3.15-3.20
If the eldest's child's surname falls in the alphabet N-Z inclusively	8.50-8.55	3.20-3.25

Please make sure you are only on site during the allotted window. Please remain in your cars until your arrival time so that you can walk straight into school and avoid any congregating or queues forming.

You should maintain distancing at all times and leave the site swiftly.

A one-way system is in place: entry at the start of the day is through the small metal gate and entry at the end of the day is through the staff car park.

On days when your child is timetabled to do P.E. they may wear their PE kit all day:-

Class 1 Thursday
Class 2 Wednesday and Friday
Class 3 Monday and Friday
Class 4 Tuesday and Friday (Forest School clothes on Wednesday)
Class 5 Tuesday and Friday

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that **all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms** can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus.

Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Safeguarding – Hidden Harm

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership have asked that we share the link [parents&carers - what is hidden harm?](#) This is relating to the pressures arising from periods of social isolation and lock down which may have increased the potential of harm to children and young people.

Public Health England – Psychological First Aid course

We would like to share with you the announcement that Public Health England is releasing a newly developed online training course on Psychological First Aid (PFA) for supporting children and young people in emergency and crisis situations.

The online course offers training for staff and volunteers on how to provide practical and emotional support to children and young people affected by emergencies or crisis situations. As you will be aware, children and young people can be very resilient, but crises such as COVID-19 can severely impact their mental health. Getting the right support early on can help prevent problems occurring or worsening.

By releasing this course, we hope to build on the successes of the adult PFA Covid-19 course released last year which has attracted over 100,000 sign-ups. This version is written specifically for those who work with, or come into contact with children and young people. We are very grateful for the input and advice of a range of experts, government and charitable organisations who have helped develop the course, including: NHS England, the Anna Freud Centre, the Department for Education and emergency response experts such as Dr Lynne Jones OBE and the British Red Cross.

The course is available for all frontline workers such as teachers, health and social care workers, charity and community volunteers and anyone who cares for or is regularly in contact with children and young people aged up to 25, including parents and caregivers. It is free, takes about three hours to complete (split into three sessions that the learner can complete at their own pace) and no previous qualifications are required.

On completion, participants will have an understanding of what Psychological First Aid is, be able to identify who would benefit from support and how best to give help across the different age groups and also for those who might need extra support because of different needs.

[Psychological first aid](#)

Forest Schools

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist with Forest Schools. We are keen for more volunteers to join us. If you can spare a Wednesday afternoon please contact Mrs Palmer or Mrs Walker for further details.

Parentpay

As we approach the end of the financial year please can you clear any outstanding payments on Parentpay.