

Dear parents,

I have been so pleased to welcome you back to school this week and I am really impressed with how the children have settled into their new classes. Everyone has adjusted to the new school day. Year 5 and 6 are enjoying the new outdoor sink and have adopted a conga style washing routine around the garden - I may need to share on seesaw!! This week we have welcomed Lily-Anne and Zac into school and I am pleased to say that they have settled really well into their respective classes. We also welcome their parents Gemma and Marcus with little sister Daisy-Mae to the school. Gemma is a former pupil at Syresham school and I am sure that if I told you I was teaching at the school when she was with us in year 6, you wouldn't believe me!?!?!

The Government announcement this week about limiting the number of people who can meet, while frustrating is deemed necessary to help control the virus. We are working very hard at school to keep your children safe and I would like to ask you all to help us with this at home. Please adhere to the rules and social distance when meeting with people outside of your family bubble. I have attached a reminder of the Government guidance below.

Uniform - the next uniform order will be sent on Wednesday 30th September. If you need any uniform, please order by 3:30pm on Tuesday 29th September, any orders after this will have to go onto the next one in January. Please use this link to the form on our website, where you will also find a sizing chart:

<https://syreshamprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/UniformOrderForm2020-21.pdf>

or you can just email Mrs. Allee: bursar@syresham-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk with your requirements.

Due to the current climate and to ensure the safety of learners we are curtailing the number of visitors to Syresham School and Nursery. Unfortunately, this will include NMPAT music tutors. We will reassess the situation towards the end of this term and hope to commence lessons in term 2. We understand this will be frustrating, but the safety of our staff and learners is paramount at this difficult time.

Message from the FOSS...

Virtual Balloon Race Launches at 12 Midday on Monday so please do remember to buy a balloon or two over the weekend! The children will be eagerly following the progress of all the balloons online in school over the course of the race so it would be really lovely if they were able to look out for their very own customised balloon. The FOSS have also purchased a balloon for each class, for an added bit of inter-class rivalry with the class balloon that travels the furthest receiving a special class treat of their choosing!

To enter a balloon into this race and to help us reach our £500 target please visit:-
bit.ly/SyreshamSchoolVirtualBalloonRace

The FOSS had a very encouraging first meeting back on Tuesday evening catching up via zoom and discussing how we can best continue to support school financially over this strange period and perhaps more importantly working with school to come up with some exciting treats and a bit of extra magic for the children of Syresham School over the coming months. We were also really delighted to welcome a lovely new member to our team, Victoria Cullingham from Nursery!

We are all getting excited for the start of the virtual balloon race next week. Each class their own balloon and so does the headteacher - let the competition begin!! One last thing - After school club will continue next week with the earlier finish time of 5 O'clock.

Have a good weekend, stay safe.
Mrs Clough

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they **must not** come to school and should remain at home and arrange for a test to be carried out. This can be done via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house until the results of the test. A positive test result would require all members of the family and support bubble to remain in isolation for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community. If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

If your child displays any COVID-19 symptoms whilst in school you will be required to collect them (and any siblings that are in your household). Anyone with symptoms should arrange for a test.

What to do if a member of your household has COVID-19 symptoms?

Your child/ren must remain at home and the symptomatic person should arrange for a COVID-19 test. You must follow household isolation guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What if your child tests positive for COVID-19

- Contact school as soon as possible by phone (01280 850269) or by emailing head@syresham-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk This email address will be monitored out of school hours too.
- Your child must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms first started. If they feel better and no longer have symptoms other than a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste- they can return to their normal routine.
- Household members must stay home for 14 days from the day your child first became ill or when the test was taken.
- If anyone in the household becomes unwell during the 14-day period, they should arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19.
- If their test result is positive, they need to follow the same advice for people with COVID-19 symptoms – that is, after 10 days of their symptoms starting, if they feel better and no longer have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell or taste – they can also return to their normal routine. However, if their test result is negative, they need to continue with isolation as part of the household for the full 14 days.

Contacts of a person who has had a positive test result for COVID-19

'Close contacts' of a confirmed case of COVID-19 are identified based on proximity and time spent in close contact to the person that has tested positive. If you are contacted by the school or NHS test and trace to inform you that your child needs to isolate for 14 days, there is no need for the rest of your household to isolate unless someone in the household develops symptoms.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- maintain social distancing
- wear face coverings where required