

Melsonby Methodist Primary School

Newsletter

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The second week back has brought a number of challenges but I'm proud at how well the school community has pulled together. I appreciate how difficult it is to make decisions based on if your child has the usual cold symptoms or the start of symptoms linked to coronavirus. At school we will try and support you as best we can and we are reliant on your judgement as you know your children best. If you are unsure or have any concerns about the symptoms then I would contact your doctor or call 111. In the majority of cases where symptoms are indistinguishable then we are asking parents to book a test. Our experience this week has shown that it is extremely difficult to get a test at a drive through centre but that if you do then results are returned within 24 hours. If you are struggling to get a test date then please let the office know and we can look at ways to support you.

I am pleased to report that the tests that have been completed in our community this week have all returned negative. This is not the case in all the local schools and we must continue to be vigilant and do our best to control the spread of the virus. We will continue to operate in school 'bubbles' and base our approach on washing hands regularly. I would like to thank parents for their approach to social distancing when dropping off and collecting children it is very much appreciated.

New Starters

It has been lovely to watch the children new to our school start their learning journey. They really do reinforce your passion for teaching with their enquiring minds and interesting views of the world! A huge thanks to the staff team for making their first full week enjoyable!

We can do this one step at a time - thanks for your continued support.

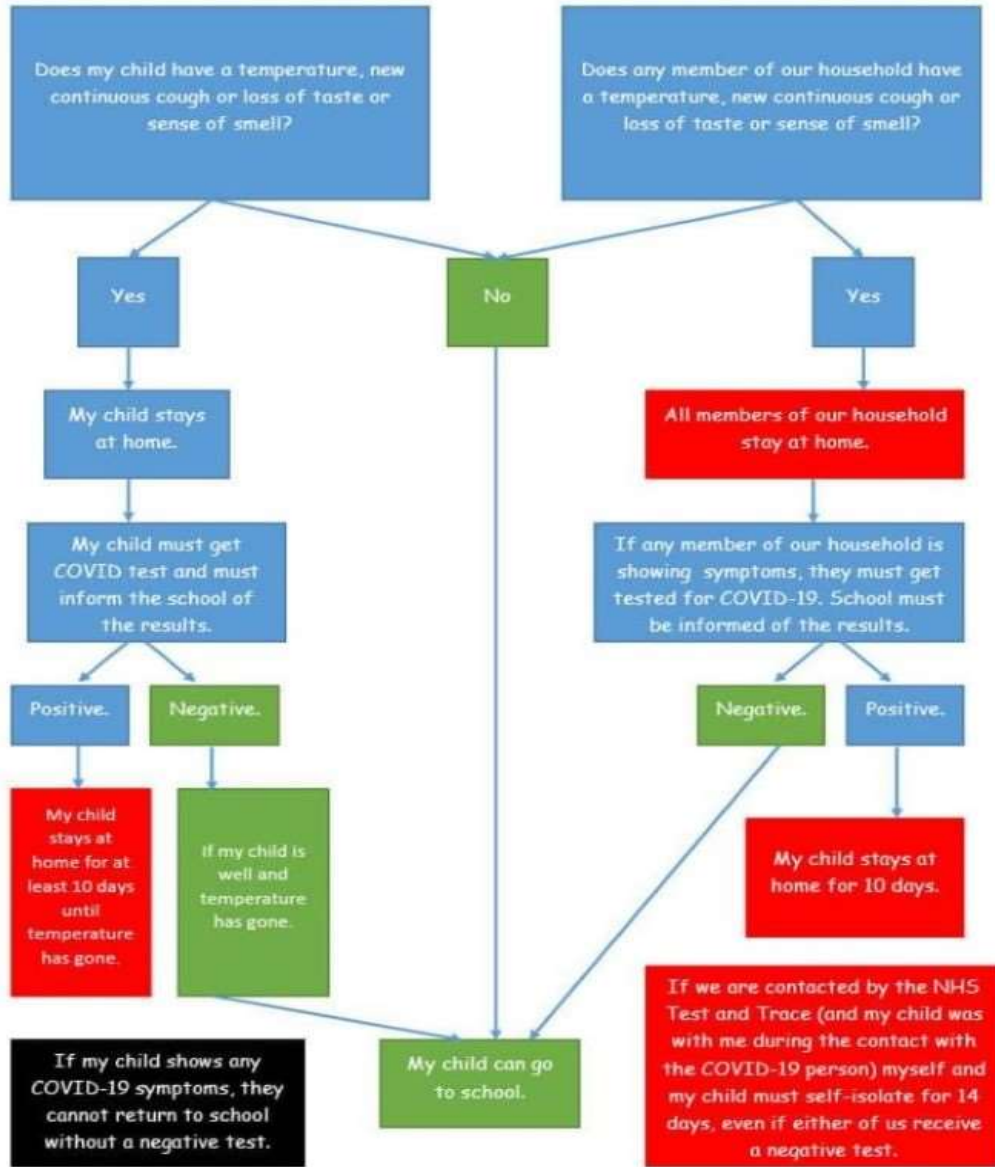
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COVID-19 Symptom Checker

SYMPTOMS	Covid-19	Cold	Flu
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Loss/change in taste/smell	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes
Cough	Common	Mild	Common
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare	No	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

COVID-19 Test Flow Chart



If my child shows any COVID-19 symptoms, they cannot return to school without a negative test.

Reminders

School Meals

All dinner monies must be paid in advance via Parent Pay. Lunches are free for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and £2.75 per day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Parent Pay

Please could we remind everyone that your Parent Pay account must be kept in credit. There is an option to click on a box within the system which will alert you when your accounts are running low. Please could we ask everyone to opt into this so that the need for reminders from school is reduced. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Flu Immunisations

The Childhood Flu Immunisation Team will be in our school in November to administer the immunisations (nasal) to children from Year Reception to Year 6. Please follow the instructions to register your child/ren as per the email that was sent out yesterday.

Secondary School Applications – September 2021

All parents of pupils in our current Year 6 were issued with North Yorkshire County Council application letters on 11th September via e-mail. Please note that the deadline for your preferences is **31 October 2020**.

Dates for Diaries

Dates	Events	
Wednesday 30 September	Deposit due for KS2 Residential visit to Robinwood - June 2021	Year 3 parents
Sunday 18 October	Deadline for consent form for flu immunisation	
Wednesday 21 October	School Photographer to take individual pupil photographs	
Friday 23 October	School closes for half term	
Saturday 31 October	Deadline for applications for a secondary school place 2021	Year 6 parents
Monday 2 November	School re-opens after half term	
Friday 6 November	Flu Immunisation	
Friday 18 th December	End of term	