Three Saints Federation







Shepton Beauchamp Church School & St Mary & St Peter's Church School

Together We Flourish

Tuesday 7th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones well and you all had a lovely summer break.

I have had a long wait since my appointment in April to join both of our schools in our lovely villages of Ilton and Shepton Beauchamp. I cannot wait to start and to get to know everyone in our school communities.

I thought it would be useful to update you all on the latest Covid 19 information for our schools.

As you will be aware, the Government has eased a number of measures that were in place to manage Covid over the past two years. We have been anxious to check any changes to guidance throughout the summer before confirming any decisions for you.

Our previous approaches to enhanced cleaning of the schools and handwashing/hygiene remain unchanged.

The main changes this September includes the removal of class bubbles and the need for us to produce a localised "Outbreak Management Plan." Our latest Risk Assessment can be viewed on our school websites. Go to the Parents Tab/School Newsletters and our risk assessment can be found here.

The removal of bubbles will allow us, to once again hold assemblies and acts of collective worship together in each school.

Our main aim is to give our children the most "normalised" school experience as possible, whilst minimising risks as much as possible.

We will be monitoring the local situation during September and will then be making decisions on how we can open up the schools for parents and carers to attend school events. Parents are welcome to attend our schools to meet staff. If the meeting must be indoors, we request that facemasks are worn by visitors in school, to minimise our risks.

We do request that at school pick up and drop off times, we do take care to sensibly distance from each other. We hope you agree that this is a sensible precaution. We also ask you all to respect each other's views on Covid safety measures, as some people in the community are more concerned than others, usually due to differing family circumstances.



On the following page, I have provided a guide to testing measures for parents, provided by Public Health England for children from the EYFS to Year 6.

Please see our basic guidelines below:

- All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.
- Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the <u>test</u> result is negative.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated but instead should book a PCR test.

If any parents and carers have any concerns or are unsure of what to do in the event of your child or a member of your household developing symptoms or contracting the virus, please do feel free to contact us for advice by phone or by emailing the school office on the contact details below.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the school gates in the morning and after school, as I split my time between both of our wonderful schools.

Kind regards,

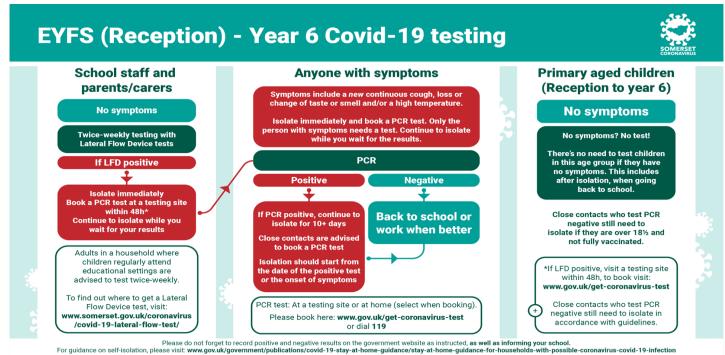
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