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Autumn Term Newsletter 02 - 23/09/2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are enjoying school and have become more comfortable with our new routines which are being reviewed regularly.

The Reception children have settled in very quickly and adapted well to school life. Please note that Reception children start times from Monday 28th September, are as follows: **drop off 8.40 and 9.10, pick up 2.40 and 3.10.** This will still allow time for parents to talk to staff.

Obviously, we would usually welcome parents into school however, due to restrictions teachers have been unable to meet everyone personally. If you need to contact a member of staff, please send an email or a Dojo message, alternatively phone the office. We will continue to follow national government guidance with regards to Covid 19 and are kept well informed of any local issues. We will pass on information and keep you informed of any changes as they occur. We want to remind all parents not to loiter at the school gates when dropping off and collecting children. As you know guidance is tightening and reduced contact with others is necessary to reduce the spread of Covid 19.

New guidance as of 22nd September is as follows:

It is critical that everybody observes the following key behaviours:

- *HANDS - Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.*
- *FACE - Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.*
- *SPACE - Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.*

Face Coverings

- *Customers in private hire vehicles and taxis must wear face coverings (from 23 September).*
- *Customers in hospitality venues must wear face coverings, except when seated at a table to eat or drink. Staff in hospitality and retail will now also be required to wear face coverings (from 24 September).*
- *People who are already exempt from the existing face covering obligations, such as because of an underlying health condition, will continue to be exempt from these new obligations.*
- *Guidance stating that face coverings and visors should be worn in close contact services will now become law (from 24 September).*
- *Staff working on public transport and taxi drivers will continue to be advised to wear face coverings.*

Working from home

To help contain the virus, office workers who can work effectively from home should do so over the winter. Where an employer, in consultation with their employee, judges an employee can carry out their normal duties from home they should do so. Public sector employees working in essential services, including education settings, should continue to go into work where necessary. Anyone else who cannot work from home should go to their place of work. The risk of transmission can be substantially reduced if [COVID-19 secure guidelines](#) are followed closely. Extra consideration should be given to those people at higher risk.

Businesses

- *Businesses selling food or drink (including cafes, bars, pubs and restaurants), social clubs, casinos, bowling alleys, amusement arcades (and other indoor leisure centres or facilities), funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls, must be closed between 10pm and 5am. This will include takeaways but delivery services can continue after 10pm (from 24 September).*
- *In licensed premises, food and drink must be ordered from, and served at, a table.*
- *Customers must eat and drink at a table in any premises selling food and drink to consume indoors, on site (from 24 September).*
- *Businesses will need to display the official NHS QR code posters so that customers can 'check-in' at different premises using this option as an alternative to providing their contact details once the app is rolled out nationally (from 24 September).*
- *Businesses and organisations will face stricter rules to make their premises COVID Secure (from 28 September):*
 - *A wider range of leisure and entertainment venues, services provided in community centres, and close contact services will be subject to the COVID-19 Secure requirements in law and fines of up to £10,000 for repeated breaches.*
 - *Employers must not knowingly require or encourage someone who is being required to self-isolate to come to work.*
 - *Businesses must remind people to wear face coverings where mandated.*

Meeting people safely

- *[Support groups](#) must be limited to a maximum of 15 people (from 24 September).*
- *Indoor organised sport for over 18s will no longer be exempt from the rule of six. There is an exemption for indoor organised team sports for disabled people (from 24 September).*
- *There will be a new exemption in those areas of local intervention where household mixing is not allowed to permit friends and family to provide informal childcare for children under 14 (from 24 September).*
- *Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies and receptions will be restricted to a maximum of 15 people (down from 30). Other significant standalone life events will be subject to the 'rule of six' limits, except funerals (from 28 September).*

Government has announced an initial £60 million to support additional enforcement activity by local authorities and the police, in addition to funding that has already been awarded.

The spread of the virus is also affecting our ability to reopen business conferences, exhibition halls and large sporting events, so we will not be able to do this from 1 October.

The government's expectation is the measures described above will need to remain in place until March.

These measures apply to England - but there may be different rules if you live in an area under local lockdown: and you should [check local lockdown rules](#). If you are in [Wales](#), [Scotland](#) or [Northern Ireland](#), different rules may apply.

Symptoms

If your child shows any symptoms of Covid 19 (a persistent cough, loss of taste or smell or a temperature), then you should book a test. If you are having any problems with this, please contact us. Following a test, please email the results and then your child will be able to return to school, providing it is negative. We will inform parents of any positive results. A number of our families have been tested as a precaution and thankfully, all tests have been negative.

If your child is not going to be in school, please can you let the office know by 9.30am. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation

Today your child will come home with forms to be completed for the flu immunisation. The nurses are coming into school on **Tuesday 10th November** - please can we have the forms back as soon as possible and no later than 3rd October. Thank you.

Year 6 - Applying for a secondary school place for September 2021

To parents of Year 6 children, please can you follow the link to apply to Cumbria County Council for a secondary school place <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>
Please note - the online application process closes on 31st October 2020.

Ulverston Victoria High School sent home a copy of their school prospectus with each of our Year 6 children. As their usual Open Week events cannot take place this year, please could you click on the following link <https://www.uvhs.uk/page/?title=Prospective+Parents+and+Year+6+Transition&pid=484> for advice about choosing a secondary school and further information about UVHS

School Milk

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price, if your child wishes to have milk, please go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com

After School Clubs

Emails will be sent out when we introduce new clubs. For those clubs that need payment a letter will be sent out to the whole year group the club is aimed at to enable parents to give permission and pay by Parentpay. If your child does not want to take part in a paid after school club, please can you email admin@penn.cumbria.sch.uk and the payment request will be removed from your Parentpay account.



After School Clubs - Autumn 1 2020

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Tuesday	Year 6 Sports with Tom - <u>£14.00</u>	Tom	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 5 Sports with Tom - <u>£14.00</u>	Tom	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.00-4.00pm

After School Club Attendance - To enable that we know your child is safe, please can you let school know if your child is not going to be able to attend their after-school club. Thank you.

ParentPay

Reminders have been emailed to the first contacts from Scholarpack to activate your Parentpay Account - please follow the instructions. If you have already activated your account please disregard this email. Thank you.

As you will be aware we are becoming a cashless school and you will have received an activation email to enable you to use Parentpay - please can you set up your account to enable you to pay for future after school sports clubs, non-uniform fundraising, swimming, trips, residential etc.

What does ParentPay do?

- offers a highly secure payment site
- gives you a history of all the payments you have made
- allows you to create a single account login across all your children that attend a ParentPay school
- shows you all items available for payment relevant to each of your children
- emails a receipt of your payment to the email address you register
- offers you the ability to set automated email/SMS payment reminders.

How does ParentPay help you?

- gives you the freedom to make payments to school whenever and wherever you like
- stops you having to write cheques or search for cash to send to school
- gives you peace of mind that your payment has been made safely and securely
- helps with budgeting; payments are immediate, there is no waiting for cheques to clear
- payments for many of the larger trips can be made by instalments up to the due date
- you will never need miss a payment, or have insufficient credit, with automated email/SMS alerts
- ParentPay is quick and easy to use.

How does ParentPay help your school?

- reduces the administrative time spent on banking procedures
- keeps accurate records of payments made to every service for every student
- reduces paper 'waste'
- allows for easy and quick refunds to be made back to the Parent Account
- improves communication between the school and parents concerning payments
- offers a more efficient payment collection process, reducing the amount of money held on school premises
- helps us improve school-home communication with its integrated email/SMS messaging centre.



Public Health
England

Tuesday 10th November 2020



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. **Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. **Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends

3. **No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. **It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. **Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

What should I do?

Contact your child's GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from them by early November.

If your child is at primary school, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

**HELP US
HELP YOU**

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

Flu **i**mmunisation

Helping to protect children,
every winter