

4<sup>th</sup> December  
2020



# Woden Primary School Newsletter

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding especially with any recent disruptions over the past few days. Just with 2 weeks left before the end of term, we are planning some Christmas fun activities for children to join in. There will be Virtual pantomimes through Funtime Theatre, Elf on a Shelf in each classroom, Bubble Christmas Performances for whole school and Party afternoon in Bubbles - see the details below.

Please can I thank all staff and children for all their hard work and effort whether in school or home learning.

*Mrs H Vernon*

Headteacher

## News and Information

### **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day**

Christmas dinner for the children will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you normally pay for a school meal, please make this payment by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December using SIMS PAY.

### **Christmas Fun**

Over the next few days we are planning to get into much needed Christmas fun. Children are looking forward to getting involved in usual Christmas crafts. We will ensure that all items have been quarantined for at least 72 hours before being sent home.

Children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and the donations of £1 to support this charitable event can be made on-line using SIMS PAY. If you need any support with this, please see our previous SIMS PAY message on our school Dojo page and email school office for your unique code.

Children will also have an opportunity to dress in their best party clothes to enjoy Christmas parties on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December within their own secure bubbles.

### **Tier 3 Restrictions**

Please remember to wear a mask and follow social distancing at the school gates at all times. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

### **Home Learning Expectations**

If your child needs to self-isolate, work will be provided at [www.wodenprimary.org](http://www.wodenprimary.org) for you to read and complete using your own devices. Please click on the Home Learning link where you will find the task folder portal and numerous links for children to use to support their learning. Any questions, please message through Class Dojo or through the year group email address.

It is essential that this work is completed to ensure your child covers the same learning as the remainder of their class. A work pack can be provided on request only if school is open.

### **Important Dates**

**Christmas Box Meal Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Party Afternoons – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**End of Term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

All information and much more is also available on our website: [www.wodenprimary.org](http://www.wodenprimary.org)  
Our E-Newsletter will also be available soon – install SZapp in Google Play or Apple App Store in order to access this.

# Important Information

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

### YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

#### A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

#### A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

**DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.**

**VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS](https://nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.**

#### A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

**IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.**

### HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

#### YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

##### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

##### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

#### YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

##### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

##### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

#### SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

##### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

##### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

#### SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

##### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

##### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

#### CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

##### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

##### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

#### YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

##### WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

#### YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

##### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

##### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

\*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including [Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers](#), can be found on the Department of Education's website at [www.education-ni.gov.uk](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk)