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Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers

New Phone Number

Please note that due to an upgrade in our school Broadband we have had to change the school telephone number. With immediate effect the new school telephone number is **01606 668066**

Please follow the guidance below if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 after the closure of school today.

Notifying the school of a positive test result

If your child developed symptoms of COVID-19 and has been tested or was asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) and the results do not arrive before the school closes today, please email head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk as soon as the results arrive.

Notifying the school if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms after the school closes for Christmas

Notify the school if:

- Your child develops symptoms or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) **before 3:30pm on 20 December 2020** and;
- Your child was in school in the 48hrs prior to the symptom on-set (or test if they have been tested but don't have symptoms)

You do not need to notify the school if:

- Your child has not been in nursery/school in the 48hrs prior to the symptom on-set (or test if they have been tested but don't have symptoms)
- Your child develops symptoms or is asymptotically tested (tested when they don't have symptoms) **after 3:30pm on Sunday 20 December 2020**

Testing

We would like to remind parents that children should only be tested if they develop any of the three COVID-19 symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

They should not be tested asymptotically (when they don't have symptoms) unless they are part of a study or have been advised to do so by a Consultant in Public Health.

Returning to school in January 2021

The school does not need to be notified if your child is required to self-isolate during the Christmas holidays. If your child is required to isolate after the 4 January 2021 and will not be in school on the 5 January 2021 please email admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk outlining the reason why they are isolating and the date they will return. We will then review these emails when we re-open on the 4 January 2021 for staff training.

Test and trace arrangements when the school re-opens in January

From the 5 January 2021 onwards the normal test and trace procedures will apply, and parents should contact the school to notify us if their child develops symptoms of COVID-19 using the following admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Summary of COVID notification deadlines

Dates	Actions	Contacts
Up to 3:30pm on 20 December 2020	Continue to notify the school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they haven't got symptoms) and attended school in the 48 hrs before.	head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk
After 3:30pm on 20 December 2020	Do not notify the school if your child starts with symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they haven't got symptoms)	No contact required
3 January 2021	Notify the school if your child is self-isolating and will not be returning on the 5 January 2021	admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk Tel: 01606 668066
5 January 2021	Notify the school if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or is tested asymptotically (tested when they haven't got symptoms)	admin@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk Tel: 01606 668066

Readers

This term we have celebrated reading in each class with the children receiving a raffle ticket for each time they have completed the most reads during a week. The raffle tickets have been placed in a container and a winning ticket drawn for each class. The following children have received a Head Teacher's Award for reading and will receive a book token on our return in January.

Class	Name	Class	Name
Dean	RJ	Adda	OA
Croco	BH	Severn	JW
Bollin	JS	Ouse	CJ
Gowy	RH	Derwent	SO
Wheelock	ZC	Foss	AG
Dee	JT	Wandle	AG
Mersey	CH	Thames	AJ
Wye	OQ	Brent	HG
Dove	MS	Calder	LG
Manifold	DS	Eden	SB
Conwy	FH	Esk	HH

May I take this opportunity to congratulate all children on the improvement made with their reading. We look to award similar prizes next term:

School Starters September 2020

Please may I remind parents with children who are due to start **Reception class in September 2021**, that the final day for registering your child for a place in the school of your choice, is **Friday 15th January 2021**. Please note that even if you have a child in our school Nursery, you will still need to apply for a place through the Cheshire West and Chester Admissions Portal.

[School admissions \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Rudolf Run

The children ran so well in all different weather conditions to complete the Rudolf Run. A lot of run was had in raising money for St Luke's. If you have not managed to donate, please try to do so to help support this valuable resource.

Support payments for the winter period

Please note the following for families in need during this difficult time.

After the Government announced £170 million in funding would be available for local authorities through its COVID Winter Grant Scheme, Cheshire West and Chester Council will receive £925,000 in total to support residents.

This funding will help families struggling to pay for food, fuel or water bills throughout the winter period.

Who will qualify

- Families with children receiving free school meals on 1 December 2020.
- Families receiving either a Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction on 1 December 2020 **AND** with children below the age of four, or children between the ages of 16 and 18 inclusive.
- Individuals who have left the care of Cheshire West and Chester Council and are below the age of 25 on 1 December 2020.

Details of the award

Applications must be made online as bank details are required to make payments. An award of £45 per eligible person and £35 per household will be paid into the nominated bank account, subject to checks against records held by the Council. An automated notification will be sent out to confirm that an application has been received.

To apply online:

- Visit: [Winter grant scheme](#)

When payments will be made

Payments will start in December, but volumes are likely to be high. The Council is asking that, once an application form is completed, time is given to send the awards out as repeat contacts are likely to delay any awards made.

Contact us

- **Telephone:** 0300 123 8123
- **Email:** winterpayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Other help available

Citizens Advice Cheshire West, in conjunction with The Fuel Bank Foundation will also receive funding to support people who are struggling to meet their fuel bills.

- [Visit the Citizens Advice website](#)

Disability Positive has also been awarded funding to support children and adults it works with who have long-term health conditions, helping them access food, energy or water bill support.

The Welcome Network is commissioned by the Council to coordinate food offers across the borough. Details of local food offers in Cheshire West and Chester over the Christmas are being compiled on the Welcome Network website.

- [Visit the Welcome Network food map](#)

Thank you again for your continued support.

Wishing all a restful and enjoyable Christmas.

Kind regards
Mark Joule
Head teacher