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Federation Newsletter

16th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The End is nigh!

So we are nearly at the end of this very unusual term and year! Huge congratulations and thank you to everyone for your resilience, patience and kindness as we have navigated our way through these difficult weeks. We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils and staff, as well as all of the parents and carers, for persevering even when things were new, confusing and stressful and for doing so with such a positive and cheerful attitude! As a new Senior Leadership Team we couldn't have asked for anymore!

New Beginnings

When we return to school on Monday 4th January we will be welcoming some new (and newish!) staff members to our team.



We have two apprentices starting, one in each school, whose role will be providing office support to Elaine and Tamsyn as well as helping the TA's with some of their day to day tasks. Milly Hole will be starting at Croscombe and Verity Capel will be working at Stoke.

We are also excited to welcome Miss Lauren Eaver to Stoke as a new KS1 Teaching Assistant. Miss Eaver will be covering Kelsey's maternity leave and will be working in Acorns.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that Mrs. Amor has agreed to become a member of our permanent teaching staff and will continue teaching Conkers on Thursdays & Fridays.

Mr.D's Afterschool PE Club

Mr D., our fantastic PE teacher, will be running two afterschool PE Clubs in the new term. This activity will be for years 3&4 and 5&6, and will run once a week for 6 weeks from 3.15pm-4.15pm. If you would like your child to attend please go to their ParentPay account, select 'Afterschool PE Club' and then pay for the 6 sessions to confirm their place. The booking deadline is Friday 1st January and numbers are limited to 15 so it be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please see below for the Afterschool PE Club timetable:



Croscombe C of E Primary School 3.15pm – 4.15pm		Stoke St Michael Primary School 3.15pm – 4.15pm	
Tuesdays	Years 5 & 6	Mondays	Years 5 & 6
Thursdays	Years 3 & 4	Wednesdays	Years 3 & 4

Merry Christmas

School Lunches

If you would like your child to have school lunches in the first week of the Spring Term, please ensure you have booked their meals on ParentPay by Midnight on Wednesday 16th December. We will be placing our order with the caterers on Thursday 17th December, before they close for the Christmas holidays! If you do not book lunches for the first week of term, please ensure you provide your children with a packed lunch.

COVID-19 Holiday Procedures

We very much hope that we will all stay COVID-19 free during the Christmas holidays! If, however, your child does test positive for COVID-19 you MUST inform the school immediately. You can email either:

- Bill Moore at wmoore1@educ.somerset.gov.uk or
- Mel Vincent at mvincent1@educ.somerset.gov.uk

If a COVID-19 case is confirmed on or before Christmas Eve, we will contact the relevant families to ensure that our whole school community is fully aware of any actions they may need to take – for instance self-isolating. If a COVID-19 case is confirmed on or after Christmas Day, the school still needs to be informed, but we wouldn't need to contact the whole school community as it will be past the 6 day 'in contact' period.

Finally, we would like to remind you that if your child is unwell in the new year that they must not return to school until they are fit and well. We have all worked so hard to protect our School Communities and we would like to continue this care for each other's wellbeing into the New Year and the Spring Term!

For your information we have also attached an NHS/HM Government poster regarding Tier 2 guidance and restrictions as well as a Quick Guide for Christmas (below).

So to end our last Newsletter of 2020 (!) we would, as always, like to direct you to the Latest News pages of our website where you can catch up on all the wonderful things the children have been doing. And to help brighten your day here's a little Christmas lockdown joke for you:

Why couldn't Mary and Joseph join their work conference call? Because there was no Zoom at the inn!

We wish you all a very happy, healthy and fun Christmas and New Year.
We look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

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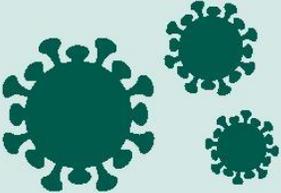
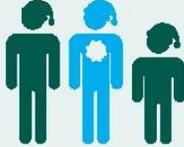
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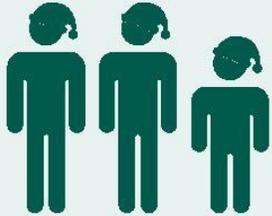


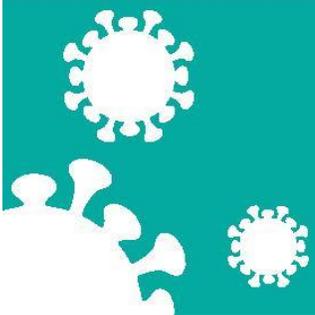


COVID-19 (coronavirus): A quick guide for parents/carers at Christmas



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to normal...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school and get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result. This includes over Christmas 'bubble' period (23rd-27th) • If the test result is received within 6 days of your child finishing school then you MUST inform the school 	<p>If they have a negative test result and feel better</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 10 days. The 10 days period starts from the day after the onset of symptoms or the day after the test in the absence of symptoms • If the test result is received within 6 days of your child finishing school then you MUST inform the school • The whole household will need to isolate for 10 days even if someone else tests negative during that time. The 10 days starts the day after the symptoms started (or the day after the test was taken if no symptoms) 	<p>After 10 days isolation, if child feels better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone</p> <p>They should carry on isolating if this period overlaps with the start of term in January</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Household member with symptoms* should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result including over the Christmas period (23rd-27th) 	<p>When household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p> <p>The child should carry on isolating over the start of term if the member of the household is still awaiting their test result</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole household self-isolates for 10 days. The 10 days starts the day after the onset of symptoms (or day after the test if no symptoms). This includes over the Christmas 'bubble' period (23rd-27th) 	<p>Whole household need to isolate for full 10 days even if they test negative</p> <p>If this period includes the start of term, the child should not return to school until the full 10 days have been completed</p>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to normal...
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace of School has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 10 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 10 days full days, including over the Christmas period (23rd-27th) • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>When the child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 10 days</p> <p>The child should continue to self isolate even if this period overlaps the Christmas period or the start of term in January</p>
 <p>...I want to see family or friends over Christmas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can form one Christmas bubble from the 23rd to the 27th of December • There is a three household limit to the Christmas bubble • Existing support bubbles count as one household • You must keep to the same three households throughout the Christmas period (23rd-27th) • You can travel between tiers and UK nations for the purposes of meeting your Christmas bubble • If someone gets symptoms they should isolate as a household and not mix with the wider bubble • Making a Christmas bubble with friends and family - Visit: www.bit.ly/3gJnzKq 	<p>Please do not return to school if you have symptoms or if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive</p>
 <p>...I am travelling to a different tier area over Christmas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside of the Christmas 'bubble' period (23rd-27th) you should avoid travelling to areas that are in a higher tier to the one you live in • If you do travel to a lower tier you should continue to follow the rules that are set out in the tier where you live • You should respect the rules that are set out in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland 	<p>Please do not return to school if you have symptoms or if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive</p> 



*** Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:**

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

For further information: www.gov.uk/backtoschool
Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)