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Newsletter 21st May 2021

Covid update:

Despite some easing of restrictions nationally, last Monday, there has been very little relaxing to the guidance for schools —some minor changes around mask wearing in classrooms, after school activities can move to indoors (still in bubbles) and some residential visits can resume in England, but with a lot of restrictions around them. The concern around the Indian variant has resulted in schools being reminded daily by PHE, DfE and the LA that we must be extra vigilant and not take any risks for everyone's safety. One of the things we have to adhere to is if we invite people in to school we have to know who they are and where they are, ensure all social distancing, masks etc. We also have to have all their contact details in case we have to work with Track and Trace. We want to return to normal as soon as possible and be able to have you, our families, in school again but for the moment our risk assessment and restrictions are very much the same as they were on 23rd April. We have done so well, so far, protecting our pupils, staff and hopefully the whole school community. Our full risk assessment is on the website, as soon as any guidance is updated we will review and hopefully relax some of our procedures. I hope this has been helpful in understanding the ongoing constraints on visitors and events and that guidance for schools hasn't changed despite the restrictions easing in general.

Swimming Lessons Summer Term 2021 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN THE JUNIORS

As we are sure you are aware, in normal times, as part of the PE curriculum, pupils have swimming lessons at Sandbach Leisure Centre. In light of the current pandemic we have found an alternative to travelling to a public facility, and have a temporary pool on site, which is working extremely well.

In previous years we would ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport to lessons, and the school budget covered the cost of pool hire and coaching staff. This year is very different. The pool hire on site, with trained coach and lifeguard, installation of power supply for the heating, and the increase in utility costs for water and electricity will cost the budget more than we would normally be charged for lessons off site—adding up to several thousand pounds.

We are appealing for voluntary contributions towards the additional utilities costs. Should anyone be willing to make a contribution, this can be done online, at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop where an amount of £10 has been set up, but partial payment of a different amount can be made.

Any voluntary contributions will be very much appreciated.

Families of pupils who are registered as eligible for Free School Meals are not asked to make any contribution.

Thank you.

REMINDER Bags to Schools

Bags to Schools will be collecting again on Thursday 27th May. If you're having a spring clear out please consider putting your clothing in a bin bag and bringing it to school on the morning of May 27th

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hccs1978> Please click on to the link if you want to book for the Year 5 open evening at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive.

Useful information

Before and after school clubs : booking forms available on school website

http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433

School uniform: www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop

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An Invitation to become a *Betjie-Angel*

Elizabethfontein Primary, situated 35km outside Clanwilliam, is a no-fee, quintile 1 school. This is as a result of the financial standing of our parents. There are currently 265 pupils in attendance, the majority of which live in the surrounding farming district (Agter Pakhuys). Apart from the 19 teaching- and 11 hostel staff, we provide an aftercare and supervisory service for 180 pupils, especially for pupils whose home conditions are not conducive to learning.

Our motto of "Reach for the stars" is visible daily, and forms the foundation on which Elizabethfontein Primary is built. Pupils are given the opportunity to reach their full potential, and excel in terms of academics, culture and sport. Our school values of: *Love, Respect, Friendship, Kindness and Honesty* form the basis in everything we do. We Belong, We Care, and We Serve.



Greetings
Annatjie Dames (Principal: Elizabethfontein Primary)

How to become a Betjie Angel

We have set up a *Just Giving* page to enable donations to be made quickly and easily.

The *Just Giving* link is <http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/elizabethfontein>

We will be sending the total sum of the donations to Elizabethfontein at the end of June.

You can donate as much you would like.

Please email Elizabethfontein School (Elizabethfonteinps@gmail.com) and let them know that you have donated on *Just Giving* to become an Angel. They will send you a short profile of the child you have helped.

Thank you so much for your support.

A huge well done to **Isy** who received a Century Champion Award for her outstanding Century work. She has achieved well over 1,000 correct answers so far in her work at home.



If you have something that you would like putting in our newsletter please email it either to head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

It needs to be with us by 12.00 on Thursday and attached to your email on a WORD document so once approved we can easily cut and paste. Thank you

We always welcome pieces about Goostrey pupils and their achievements outside of school. I love to hear what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school so we can celebrate in the newsletter and assembly.

The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the school.

We will usually allow local events to be advertised in the newsletter, especially if we think they will be of interest to our pupils and their families. However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.



Before entering any part of the school building please read the questions below:

In the last 14 days have you or any member of your household tested positive for Covid-19?

In the last 14 days have you or any member of your household displayed symptoms of Covid-19?

High temperature

New continuous cough

Loss of, or change to, your sense of taste/smell

Have you been identified by test and trace, or any other official source, as a 'close contact' of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, within the last 14 days?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, please DO NOT enter the school building.

Thank You.

Update to the following pages from PHE

A contact is defined as a person who has had contact (see below) at any time from **two days** before onset of symptoms (or time of test if asymptomatic) to 10 days after onset of symptoms (or test):

a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including:

being coughed on, or

having a face-to-face conversation, or

having skin-to-skin physical contact, or

any contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact

a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes

a person who has travelled in a small vehicle *with* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle *near* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Parents with children at nurseries, schools and colleges

A guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing



Regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles.

Regular rapid testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus and help protect your loved ones and community. It's free and takes around 30 minutes.

Why introduce regular rapid testing?

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

Regular rapid testing is now available for parents of nursery, school children and college students. As well as adults in their households, childcare and support bubbles.

Regular testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Thousands of people who didn't know they had the virus have been able to take action to stop the spread of the disease.

As lockdown restrictions ease, getting into the **regular habit of twice weekly testing** will play an important role in getting back to normal; **alongside the vaccine, following the hands, face, space guidance, and social distancing measures.**

Regular testing for school staff and students

Regular rapid testing is already **available to all staff** at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school or college. And we continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to test themselves at home with test kits they will get from school or college.

Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to be tested as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

What is the benefit to you?

By taking part in regular rapid testing, you'll be protecting yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.





Please click on the link below for full details of our after school provision and electronic copies of our registration and booking forms.

We are open Monday to Friday - 3pm to 6pm.

If you would like to see what the children have been up to this week, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

<https://www.goostreyallstars.co.uk/>



Useful contacts and numbers.....

If there's any other information that you feel should be added to this page, as a weekly standing item, please let me know.

www.goostreypreschool.org.uk

Telephone: 07471 756720 - available during pre-school hours only.



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Before School Club

If you would like to enrol your child for Goostrey Before School Club, please either download a booking form from our website www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or collect from the reception desk. The cost is £3.00 per session and the club operates on each school day, from 8.00 AM to 8.55 AM. Please note no food is served at this club.

The Chair of Governors and the Head teacher meet at least once a week. If you have anything you would like them to discuss / consider please let us know. We will always respond to you.

The web address for ordering school uniform is:
www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

Class pages, on the school website have lots of up to date information for your child's class. Please keep looking at these as they are updated every week for you. Thank you

Compliments and Comments and Suggestions.

If you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life, please email either Miss Atkins on head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>

In current circumstances we are not able to operate our normal open door policy.