



Newsletter 18th September

Dear Parents,

COVID update—thank you for all your support and understanding this week—more information about the timeline the school worked to, regarding the recent class isolating is on page 2. This is intended to reassure all families that school acted as quickly as possible from the time they were notified about the positive case. The family of the child who tested positive have very kindly sent in some thoughts, on page 2, that other families may find useful.

On Thursday we emailed out to families a quick guide for action re COVID-19—this can also be found on pages 5 & 6.

From next Monday—if your child is absent for school for any of the reasons on the quick guide then we will provide remote learning within 24 hours, of a working school day from their first day of absence. However, it is not sustainable, to provide work, for families who are choosing to keep their child /ren off school when they have been told they can return . Remote learning is not available for children off school, poorly with other conditions. Please refer to the quick guide and let us know why your child is isolating. If your child is unwell with any other illness then please, as usual keep them at home. If your child is well and you would usually send them to school then please do so. Children being settled and in a good routine of school is extremely important and education should never be optional.

Health and Safety reminder—the children have grown taller over lockdown and their hair has grown longer! Please remember that the school policy is that any child with hair below their shoulders will need to tie it back when in school.

Holiday dates 21 22 are now on the school website.

REMINDER: we are offering individual, family tours (socially distanced) after school throughout the autumn term. Please let any interested families know as we would love to meet with them and show them all our school has to offer. To arrange a visit please email mrs.carroll@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or ring 01270 685658

Parent Governor Vacancies - a letter and nomination forms have been emailed out this morning. The deadline for returning nominations is 12 noon on Friday 2nd October 2020. If you require paper copies, please phone Mrs Carroll to request.

Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together. I love reading about everything the pupils are doing both in and out of school.

The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.

Miss Atkins—a head teacher who is very proud of Goostrey School and everyone associated with it.

Please keep checking class pages on the website for specific information / dates for each class. Many events / activities eg class visits, extra curricular and sporting events will have separate information sent out detailing dates and times etc.

Holiday dates are on the school website for academic years 20 - 21 and 21 - 22

SENCo: If you need any help, support or advice regarding children's special educational needs, please feel free to contact Mrs Freeman our school SENCo mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk .

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

One family's experience FYI

Over the last few days of the summer holidays, we had my niece, her husband and one of my nephews to stay at our home. All three were in good health and in the same family bubble. They left on Thursday morning.

On Saturday, my son mentioned that he had a slight headache and was tired. Given he'd had a couple of late nights and played football that morning, we assumed he was slightly dehydrated or just tired. He took some Calpol and was fine later that day.

The next day, Sunday, he was his usual self and we thought no more of it. On Monday, both our children returned to school as planned and had great days. By the Tuesday morning, I felt a little more tired than usual and by mid-morning started to get a headache and feel rather fatigued. Later on Tuesday morning, my niece contacted me to say that both her and her husband, as well as my nephew had tested positive for Covid.

None of them had any symptoms at all but had been contacted by the government and advised to test as a work colleague of my nephew had tested positive. At that stage, we immediately contacted both schools and collected both children. We have been isolating since.

My wife started developing mild symptoms the next day: a headache and aching muscles/limbs. We drove to a test station on Wednesday evening and were all tested. Over Thursday and Friday, for the majority of the time we have felt absolutely fine with symptoms perhaps more associated with a cold or slight flu. This comes in waves and a lot of the time we feel absolutely normal. At no time have we displayed any of the three key symptoms mentioned in the government information. In fact, none of us have registered a temperature beyond 36.8 degrees.

Late on Friday night, we received the results that three of us are positive for Covid including my youngest son. We'd seen news reports that children may appear asymptomatic and this does appear to have been the case for us. We're hoping that by sharing this it may help other families understand the greater variety of symptoms that may indicate Covid.

Timeline for one class isolating at our school:

21:45 Friday 11th September I was informed one child in our school had tested Positive for Covid and this had been brought in to school from the community. Advice to *schools is to take no further action until a child or member of staff tests positive.*

22:00 to 23:00 I liaised with relevant staff members, gathering information and discussing next steps.

23:00 to midnight I was fortunate to be able to speak with Public Health England immediately (at such a late hour), who risk assessed the situation and instructed me regarding what to do next. Staff and I then cancelled all our family plans for the weekend to focus on this.

09:00 Saturday 12th September I met with the two class teachers in school. After lengthy and detailed discussions with both Public Health England and an official from Cheshire East, we followed their advice, composing and sending letters out to the families of children who were close contacts and needed to isolate, as well as letters to the families whose children did not need to isolate. The rest of the day, staff were organising remote learning for the class and I was responding to emails and phone calls etc from staff and families. I left school at **16:00** but continued to communicate with relevant parties from home.

13:00 Sunday 13th September I was in school until **17:00** with the Deputy Headteacher again, responding to queries and ensuring we had covered everything that we needed to.

I am so grateful to everyone who supported me last weekend, both in school and remotely, and very proud at how quickly, at a weekend, we gathered all the necessary information together ready for the new school week.

As each day passes we are given new and updated information. It appears that when one child is tested positive, and has been in school, that the whole class then has to isolate. This could happen again in the future and I promise you, as always, school will act as quickly as possible to keep you informed while following all the correct procedures and advice.



LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN!

This is a competition between the classes in school.

Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 are entered.

**Starts on the 18th September
until the 25th September.**

**Scores will only count when played between the
hours of 8am to 7pm.**

**There will be house points and certificates for the
winners, the overall class and top 3 in each class.**

Chloe Walker in year 4 has achieved the top award for Beaver Scouts this summer. We are very proud of Chloe for continuing her enthusiasm for scouting through lockdown and the hard work has paid off. Well done!!”



Goostrey Young Peoples' Wildlife Project

Would you and your grown-ups like to help create new homes for our wildlife? If you would then please book in and come along for an hour on Sunday 11th October to help plant hedges and woodlands. It would be great to see you.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/woodland-hedgerow-planting-tickets-116295746709>

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.

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

| What to do if... | Action needed | Back to school... |
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|  <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results | <p>...when child's test comes back negative</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 at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> | <p>...when 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>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results | <p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p> |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> | <p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</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: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

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| <p>NHS Test and Trace 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 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days •Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too | <p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p> |
| <p>we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Do not take unauthorised leave in term time •Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel •Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Child shouldn't attend school •Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days | <p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p> |
| <p>we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Child shouldn't attend school •Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team •Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again | <p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p> |
| <p>I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Only people with symptoms* need to get a test •People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive | <p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p> |

Tropic Skincare Fundraiser

In Association with Goostrey Primary School PTA

Join us from
Friday 25th - Sunday 27th September
At our Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/goostreyptafundraiser>

With lots of information to read and watch at your leisure and live events to join in with over 3 days.

Come and find out about the background of Tropic as well as discovering some of the amazing products there is on offer.

They'll be lots of exciting things to join in with each day and we'll also be taking donations for the PTA to hopefully help cover some of the funds that have been lost with out being able to hold our usual events. For every £1 that is donated = 1 entry into a prize draw

For every order that is placed over the event we will also be donating 10% of the sales to the PTA

We look forward to seeing you all on-line

For more information or help with joining the Facebook group please contact

Emma Shanahan 07837 548259
Melissa Bairstow 07519 658488

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.

Goostrey All Stars—our after school club.

Booking forms and more information can be found on the school's website: *School Information—Before and After School Clubs.*

£12 per session for one child and £11.50 for a sibling attending the same session.

The club runs from the school hall and the infant children are collected from their classrooms at the end of the day by the club staff. Junior children go straight from their classroom to the hall.

The club operates from the end of school until 6pm each school day.

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.