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Dear Parents,

COVID update — over the last week parents have purchased an air purifier for the classrooms—thank you to everyone who has co-ordinated and supported this. Purifiers can help pupils with asthma and other allergies and have been proven to aid concentration. Although they do not protect us from COVID19 they do help with other conditions which is why we are so grateful to have them.

This has been a really good week in school and even though we are rigorously following our risk assessments it does have a feeling of normality as children are settled and learning. One parent emailed me recently and finished it with, 'I love our school' I would like to say—so do I!

REMINDER: we are offering, and welcome, 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. More information on how to apply for a place at our school can be found on page 6.

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— 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

MESSAGE FROM THE DfE to all families:

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

✦ You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)

2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

✦ Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

✦ If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

✦ Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**

✦ If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS www.nhs.uk has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful.

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Oliver Hughes from Reception helping at the biannual community litter collection in Cranage on Sunday with his Mum and Dad. Oliver has been attending the events since he could walk and we're very proud of his enthusiasm to keep Britain tidy!



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.

Heritage Day at our twin school—Elizabethfontein



Covid- 19

Most common symptoms:

Fever – temperature of 37.8 +

New persistent cough – usually dry

Loss of sense of smell and / or taste

Sometimes – headaches, shortness of breath, sore throat, aches and pains and fatigue.

Symptoms can range from mild to severe.

Diarrhoea and runny and/or stuffy nose are rare.

Colds

Most common symptoms:

Sneezing

Runny and or stuffy nose

Aches and pains

Mild cough

Sometimes fatigue

Fever, headaches and diarrhoea are rare

Flu

Most common symptoms:

Fever

Fatigue

Dry cough

Aches and pains

Headache

Sometimes – runny / stuffy nose and / or sore throat

No sneezing or shortness of breath

Cold and flu symptoms are similar, but flu tends to be more severe.

Difference between cold and flu

Cold

Appears gradually

Affects mainly your nose and throat

Makes you feel unwell, but you're OK to carry on as normal (for example, go to work)

Flu

Appears quickly within a few hours

Affects more than just your nose and throat

Makes you feel exhausted and too unwell to carry on as normal

Apply online for a school place

It's quick and easy

You can apply from 1st September 2020 at

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Applications for Reception 2021 should be submitted by:

15th January 2021 for primary





If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2021.

If you do not have web access **call 0300 123 5012**

Late applications may be disadvantaged

VISITS TO OUR SCHOOL CAN BE ARRANGED BY EMAILING
mrs.carroll@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or phoning **01270 685658**

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.