



Newsletter 9th October

Dear Parents,

COVID update—thank you for wearing face coverings for drop off and pick up. In case you were wondering why we suddenly asked you to do this, Cheshire East sent out a directive to all schools this week. It was from the Director of Education and Acting Director of Public Health. We had already identified and actioned all their advice, except the following, which we have now put in place:

- Ask parent/carers to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting their child from school.
- Make it compulsory that any visitors to the school to wear face coverings at all times, unless they are exempt.

HEALTH & SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN: I received the following email this week—*I thought I'd let you know just how terrible some of the parents' driving and parking is currently on The Crown. Over the last couple of weeks it seems to have got worse - no one way being observed, parents on phones, speeding into the car park etc. What worries me is that because of the staggered start and finish times, and children being encouraged to walk on their own, there are lots of children walking through the car park for longer and I feel it's an accident waiting to happen.*

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ONE WAY SYSTEM AND DRIVE EXTRA SLOWLY ON THIS CAR PARK. The Crown could withdraw permission for us to use their car park if we don't use it safely. This would be a very difficult and dangerous situation for us all.

Our after school, **individual tours** are proving to be very popular and a big success, families seem to appreciate the opportunity to see the school and talk face to face, albeit with a mask on. We now have **only two** possible dates/times left this term. Please let any interested families know to get in touch with us as soon as possible if they would like to visit, to ask any questions and learn more about our school. 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 3. While some of our places have now been filled in the year groups we still have a **limited number left across the school**. If you are interested in your child joining our school please do get in touch and have a conversation with us.

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

Goostrey Young Peoples' Wildlife Project Day is fast approaching

We need your help to plant little trees that will grow to make new homes for the wildlife at Blackden Hall. Everything is provided, we just need you and a spade or trowl you can dig with.

If you haven't booked into come yet please do book following the link below. You only need to book one slot per household/group of 6.

It would be great to see you all on Sunday 11th.

<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.

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

Do one thing

for better mental health this World Mental Health Day

Our monthly calendar is packed with actions you can take for better mental health. Use each week to try and focus on the 'Five ways to wellbeing'. The following ideas have been researched and developed by the New Economics Foundation.

[Write Month here]

Mon [00]	Tue [00]	Wed [00]	Thu [00]	Fri [00]	Sat [00]	Sun [00]
Talk to someone instead of sending an email	[Write your own ideas in these spaces]	Speak to someone new		Put five minutes aside to find out how someone really is		Have a tea with someone

Do something different today and make a connection

Mon [00]	Tue [00]	Wed [00]	Thu [00]	Fri [00]	Sat [00]	Sun [00]
Take the stairs not the lift		Do some 'easy exercise', like stretching		Have a kick-about in a local park		Go for a walk at lunchtime

This week, why not get active?

Mon [00]	Tue [00]	Wed [00]	Thu [00]	Fri [00]	Sat [00]	Sun [00]
Take some time to enjoy the moment and the environment around you		Notice the changing seasons		Get a plant		Have a 'clear the clutter' day

Take notice and be in the present

Mon [00]	Tue [00]	Wed [00]	Thu [00]	Fri [00]	Sat [00]	Sun [00]
Find out something about your friends, families or colleagues		Do a crossword or Sudoku		Research something you've always wondered about		Start a new book

Focus on learning





Mon [00]	Tue [00]	Wed [00]	Thu [00]	Fri [00]	Sat [00]	Sun [00]
Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger		Thank someone		Smile		Look out, as well as in

Give

You can get information and support from Mind:
mind.org.uk/information-support



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

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <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/>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
<p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<p>•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>	<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>	<p>•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> <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <p>•Child shouldn't attend school •Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>	<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>	<p>•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>	<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>	<p>•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>	<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.