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Newsletter 8th January 2021

Dear Parents,

I do wish you all a Happy New Year even though it is not the start we wanted unfortunately. That said I am hopeful for the future and looking forward to when we can all be back together in school.

We began the week believing our children would be back in school on Tuesday. We found out we would be closing the same time as you, when Mr Johnson announced it at 8pm on Monday evening. Since then we have endeavoured to put things in place as quickly as possible and appreciate your positive comments about how the school has communicated and operated this week.

Our two main priorities last Tuesday were:

- ◆ Key Workers / Vulnerable provision in school—ascertaining the need from families and ensuring we have the staff and updated risk assessment for this to begin within 24 hours on the Wednesday
- ◆ Remote learning to start within 24 hours on the Wednesday— we sent a letter to all families explaining how we were going to address this and to please bear with us as we adapt and improve this over the next few days.

We are still in the early days with our remote learning system and this has been reviewed and adapted since the summer. Thank you for bearing with us as we set this up and embed over the next few days. You will no doubt know of provision in other schools – we have consulted with colleagues locally and are aware of how we are all leading our teaching and learning during this lockdown. Here at Goostrey, we have listened to families and endeavoured to create a working system that is suitable for families with different home technologies and working commitments. No one system suits everyone, we do recognise this and are aiming to do the ‘best fit’ for everyone.

We have tried to create a balance of sessions for the children, that can be accessible at anytime to support families with varying time pressures. After much discussion we believe this is more beneficial than just live lessons as a prescriptive time.

However we do believe that regular contact with the class teacher is vital for you and for us. Your child will have daily contact with their teacher in different ways.

- through videos showing Goostrey teachers delivering the lesson
- audio attached to work (with the teacher’s voice directing the learning)
- opportunity for a daily drop-in Google Meet, from next Monday (face to face with the teacher, albeit through a screen)
- regular support via the learning platform through messages from school to home and vice versa
- videos from trusted external providers such as, White Rose, Love Music Trust and Oak National Academy (these will be selected to support the work of our own school curriculum)
- emails between school and home

We will adapt and change the remote learning system as we feel appropriate and please rest assured that we will always aim to do our very best for you in this difficult times.

I am very proud of all of the staff for their resilience, dedication and adaptability. I know one system does not suit all and I am very aware of how stressful this situation is for all staff and families— we all want the same thing — the children back in school safe, happy and learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Reminder

The closing date for applying for Reception Class places for this September is next week—January 15th. If you know any families with children due to start school in September, please remind them to apply by the closing date.

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

Individual private music lessons

Below is a list of our peripatetic music teachers.

Our music teachers are offering online music tuition only at the moment.

Chimes, Drums, Recorder, Fife, Ukulele	Kate Hext Details for lessons with Mrs Hext will be available after Easter
Violin, viola, cello	Clare Jackson clarejackson@icloud.com
Piano	Hannah Bayley hannahbayleym@gmail.com Emma Tennent Eh.tennant@gmail.com
Guitar	Neil Pybus neilpybus@hotmail.com
Flute	Fiona Colville fionaslominska@me.com

If your child is interested in learning an instrument please either email the music teacher directly or for further information contact
mrs.saxton@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Income Related Free School Meals

During these uncertain times it is even more important that families register their eligibility for Income Related Free School Meals, even if their child receives the UIFSMs in KS1. At present registering eligibility allows for the continuing provision of food (hopefully vouchers again) when pupils are not in school. There is also provision for these families to get assistance with data provision from many mobile phone providers, to assist in accessing remote learning.

Registering eligibility is also important to the funding school receives, generating a specific fund called Pupil Premium, of £1320 per eligible pupil. This funding is used to support those pupils with their education. A full report on Pupil Premium use can be found on our website.

Please be assured that staff do not receive information about individual circumstances. We are simply notified of eligibility and start and end dates. Children cannot be identified in any way to other pupils. If you have any queries regarding this information please speak to our School Business Manager, Mrs Schurer-Lewis.

Please register eligibility for IRFSM if you meet the criteria below:

Income Support

- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit—household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Phone: 0300 123 5012 or Claim on-line:

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx



Visyon Parent/Carer Webinars – Spring 2021

Our Parent Webinars are intended to offer information and ideas to help you in supporting your child with understanding and managing their emotions and wellbeing. These are open to parents/carers or other interested family members.

The webinars are delivered as a presentation on Zoom. As a participant you are not connected via video or audio but may interact or ask questions using the typed chat function. The webinars are delivered by Laura Kerr (Family and Schools Wellbeing Worker) and Paula Duncan (Young Person's Counsellor)

100% of parents who have attended the webinars to date have said they found them useful and would recommend to a friend. Comments we received included:

“I found it so reassuring and packed with fantastic practical tips”

“I have read books and used techniques recommended but so nice to hear someone give practical and sensible advice on something that rarely seems manageable!”

“Thank you for a very useful and informative presentation – an hour well spent!”

The forthcoming webinars are:

Thursday 14th January 10.30-11.30am Building Resilience and Self Esteem

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3O6Nsq4cTJ6iF0h3IhPgDQ

Thursday 28th January 10.30-11.30am Understanding and Managing Anxiety

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8HoRNa-BTuiCNv7JDluLw

Thursday 11th February 10.30-11.30am Positive Communication in the Family

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bZFYWdwvSqGzOe5WZH4OOQ

Thursday 25th February 10.30am-11.30am Understanding the Teenage Brain

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1kRmi3W7SnSZM6-IG_JJ_g

Thursday 11th March 10.30-11.30am Supporting your Child's Wellbeing

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tjJDi4QLRguNwihemlRsNg

Please click on the relevant link to register in advance for the webinar(s) you wish to attend.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The webinars have a maximum capacity of 100 people so please let us know if you can no longer attend so we can re-allocate the places. We will have recordings available after the event.

If you are interested in finding out about other ways in which Visyon might be able to support you and your family, please visit www.visyon.org.uk.



Before entering 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.

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.

Update to the following pages from PHE

Change in Isolation Date for Close Contacts

The [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) has changed from today meaning that self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus will be shortened from 14 to 10 days.

Key summary points of the new isolation guidance include:





As of **Monday 14th December 2020**, the isolation period will reduce to 10 days.

Anyone asked to isolate by an NHS Test and Trace staff member or on the advice of Public Health/ Public Health England (including our COVID Helpline) before Monday 14th December 2020 will only need to isolate for 10 days. For example, anyone told to isolate until 16th December 2020, will be able to stop isolating on the 14th December 2020. If you were told to isolate until the Sunday 13th December 2020, you must continue with the full isolation period until Sunday 13th December 2020.

The NHS T&T App will not update with the new isolation periods until **Thursday 17th December 2020**. Anyone told to isolate by the App from now until Thursday 17th December 2020 can stop isolating when the countdown says “3 days remain”. After Thursday 17th December 2020, everyone who needs to isolate for the full period will be notified by the App.

4. Isolation periods will take the day contact occurred as Day 0 of the isolation period, so contacts must remain in isolation until Day 11. For example, contact on 11th December 2020 = Day 0; last day of self-isolation is 21st December 2020 = Day 10; able to resume normal activities on 22nd December 2020 = Day 11.

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>	<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>

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.