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Dear Families,

Thank you for all your messages of support and thank you children for all the hard work you are putting in. It's very difficult to understand what is happening in school when everything is so remote. As many staff have school aged children we do know how challenging it can be to support them with their online working. We do not underestimate this—all our staff are working their normal hours at least. Chatting with teaching staff this week they were telling me they are working from 8 am in the morning, often until late in to the evening / night. I am not telling you this for sympathy, only to assure you that although you may not see us we are still here—thinking about our pupils. Thinking about how to deliver the best we can to our families, who all have different needs, expectations and resources at home.

Mrs Cowell and I have started our weekly story time again this week—Ms Bairstow kindly records this and emails it out to you. It is uncut and never edited and therefore will not be very slick (our delivery not Ms Bairstow's recording—which is always slick) but it is sent with very warm wishes and a hope we can deliver our assemblies face to face soon. We are missing the children very much.

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.

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

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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

We have been asked to let you know about an arrangement which is in place with regard to all children living in Cheshire East.

This agreement aims to support children who are affected by self-harming behaviour.

Where a child under the age of 16 attends A&E or is admitted onto a hospital ward following a self-harm incident, the hospital will communicate this, at the earliest opportunity, to the Safeguarding Lead in school. This will help to ensure that the school are able to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe and included. There may be the need, in some cases, for ongoing communication with CAMHS in order to meet the needs of the child.

We are committed to working in partnership, to safeguard and protect children across Cheshire East and provide the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about this or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

Miss Atkins



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_tjDi4QLRguNwihemlRsNg

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.



Ella enjoying online learning with story time and very much engaged



A huge well done to Faith Breese in year 2 and Joe Anderson in year 6 on both receiving the award for 'Most Improved Pianist Autumn Term 2020'. Faith started learning the piano in year one and brings so much enthusiasm to every single lesson. Her dedication to practice and love of music shines through in every lesson. Well done, Faith! Joe is also a recipient of this award as it could not be given out in the summer term. Joe always approaches each lesson with such positive energy and determination. He is always ready to take on new challenges. Keep it up, Joe!

Each term a certificate and trophy will be presented to one of the children taking piano lessons in school with Miss Bayley in recognition of their enthusiasm, determination and individual progress. The award was introduced to acknowledge that while the children are all working towards various academic music achievements, no matter what level, their enthusiasm and practice efforts should be recognised. It is wonderful to see each pupil's confidence building as they learn and master how to play a new piece or technical exercise.



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 meaning that self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus has shortened from 14 to 10 days.

Key summary points of the new isolation guidance include:

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

Isolation periods will take the day contact occurred as Day 0 of the isolation period, so contacts must remain in isolation until 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>	<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>

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.