

Dear Parents,

Wow that's been a week we will not forget in a hurry! A massive thank you for all your messages of support and understanding, it has helped to keep us going. We have now had confirmation from our Local Health and Protection Team and they agree with the measures we have implemented. They have indicated we are being a tad over cautious, however, just for the time being this is the approach we will be taking. We will continue to work with the health team and we will review these additional measure with them on Friday 24th September. As always please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support.

Please be aware of our remote offer for this situation:

Remote Education Provision information for children who are self-isolating at home

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.

If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described in MTVS Remote Education Plan?

- In times when school is open to the majority of children, self-isolating children will have daily work set (by 9am) via google classroom. This will match the curriculum and the work set in class, but will not have pre-recorded video lessons or live meetings with the teacher. This is due to the need for the class teacher to teach the rest of the class during school hours.
- Any recorded sessions such as assemblies will be uploaded to google classroom for children to access.
- Work packs will be provided, where requested, that follow the in-school curriculum and lessons from Oak National Academy and White Rose Maths will be utilised for English and Mathematics.
- Teachers and Teaching Assistants will monitor google classroom to provide support and feedback to children learning from home. Please be patient with any feedback as these members of staff will be delivering face to face learning.
- EYFS Activities will be set via Tapestry daily, linking to our in school learning and will include – a daily published phonics video link, a White Rose maths session (these are very supportive and clear to follow) and an afternoon activity from our wider curriculum.
- KS1 & KS2 classes will receive a maths and literacy lesson per day, as well as another session e.g. PE, History, Geography, Science, Art, RE, IT ... These lessons, where possible, will follow the learning in school, but may be adapted to suit independent home learning and the availability of resources.
- As part of our offer, myself or Mrs Cox will arrange a live group chat to catch up and check your child is ok during the week. A link and time will be sent to you to confirm the details. Your child should only join if they are well enough and are happy for others to know they are at home. Please follow our Online learning rules regarding dress, behaviour and using your mic. Sessions will be recorded like they were during our whole school closure.
- Children who are at home should only access learning if they are well enough to do so.

- Like in previous school closures, we appreciate the balance between working and home schooling is difficult. Please select a level of home learning your family situation can sustain. Hopefully, most of our children will be well practised in using Google classroom, White Rose Maths and Oak Academy and can complete some work independently.
- If your child is at home isolating and would still like to be considered for the role of Sports or School councillor, they can still send their ideas to their class teacher via email, to be shared with the class on their behalf next week.
- Please remember you are not alone. If you need support or further clarification please get in contact with us

Dates to remember:

Many of our arrangements are currently face to face but may need changing following changes in guidance. We will let you know of any changes.

Thursday 14 th October 2021	New starters Open morning/evening 9.30-11am & 4-6.40pm Please feel free to share this date with any friends with children due to start in September 2022. We are planning face to face at present but if this changes we will let you know.
Thursday 21 st October 2021	Our school photographer will be in school taking the children's individual photos
Wednesday 20 th October 2021	3.30-7pm Parents evening we are going for a mixture of face to face meetings and virtual depending on your preference We will be sending out more details and how to book these soon
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Tuesday 7 th December 2021	Rec & Y6 Christmas performance details TBC Y1 & Y2 Christmas performance details TBC
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas jumper day details to follow Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas show details to follow
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	School Christmas lunch menu to follow
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Party/Toy day details to follow

Reminder: Community Fair at Hoole Tennis Club



Can we please send our love to all our children and families who have children at home at this time.

Finally, let's finish on some good news - I became a Nana on Monday 13th September, my daughter gave birth to Albie 6lbs 8ozs, it is such a fantastic feeling I am smitten.



Take care everyone

Wendy Lyon