

21/01/21

Dear Parents, Carers and Children, I hope you are keeping safe and well.



DO NOT
SEND
YOUR
CHILD TO
SCHOOL IF
THEY
HAVE
SYMPTOMS
OF COVID
TO INCLUDE
NEW
PERSISTANT
COUGH, OR
HIGH TEMP,
OR LOSS
OF SMELL
AND
TASTE
YOU NEED
TO GET A
COVID
TEST

Covid-19 Rapid Testing for staff

From 18th January, school will start to receive rapid testing kits to offer to staff, giving them the opportunity to take part in regular asymptomatic testing. This testing programme aims to support leaders to maintain the continuity of education through the pandemic, and is in addition to all measures already in place within school.

We have this week received information and guidance on rapid testing for all school staff, below is part of the guidance we have received from the Government:

Primary, school-based nursery and maintained nursery staff will be supplied with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits to self-swab. Staff will be asked to take their test kits home and carry out the test twice a week. The LFD test will give a result in around 30 minutes. Staff must report their result to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is completed either online or by telephone as per the instructions in the home test kit. Staff should also share their result with their school or nursery to help with contact tracing.

Staff with a positive LFD test result will need to self-isolate in line with the [stay-at-home guidance](#). They will also need to arrange a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result. Staff with a negative LFD test result can continue to attend school or nursery and use protective measures.

- If staff choose to be tested, they will carry out the tests on a Sunday evening and a Wednesday evening.
- If they receive a positive test they will notify me immediately and the class/bubble that they work in will have to close, we will inform you if this affects your child ASAP. The member of staff will then carry out the normal test; if this comes back negative the bubble can reopen immediately and your child can return to school, if this test is also positive then the bubble will have to remain closed for 10 full days.

We very much hope there will be no positive cases and that your child's bubble can remain open, however I do just need to make you aware that there is the potential for class closures.

- If the Staff member is well enough home learning would continue as normal, if they are poorly we would do all we can to continue home learning it just may look a little different.

Welfare TA role: Mrs Tolson is currently working in school with school based children, from next week she will be extending her role to support our families at home. Here is the schedule:

- Tue pm - Class 1
- Wed pm - Class 2
- Thur pm - Class 3
- Fri - any additional calls.

You can expect a call from Mrs Tolson on the allocated afternoon for your child just for a quick chat and catch up on how things are going. We hope you will find this helpful and supportive.

We're here for you.

Parents' Childcare Survey

Calling all parents living or working in Devon. We need your help!



Whether you use childcare or not, your voice counts. The answers you give in this short survey will help the early years and childcare team in Devon County Council to plan and make sure that there is enough childcare for you to work or train:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentsChildcareSurvey2021/>

Take care and we are here for all our families in whatever way we can help so do get in touch if you need anything.

With my very best wishes - *Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)*

All classes To further support children and families, (or to give a break away from the laptop), BBC Bitesize are broadcasting lessons linked to the curriculum for primary aged children each morning. They have guest teachers in such as The Beast from The Chase or PE Lesson with Marcus Rashford. These are intended to supplement what we are already providing, and you may wish to dip in and out of these programmes.

FSU - If your child is coming into school, please remember to send them in with a fruit snack and their wellies and waterproofs. Please do contact us if you need anything. Take Care - The FSU team

Class 1 Parents - Don't forget! At 12pm everyday, there is a story time on zoom and a chance for you to ask any questions or get any support with home learning. For those children at school, please make sure they bring in a healthy snack every day. On Thursdays, children can come to school in PE kit, and bring outdoor learning clothes, wellies and water proofs for the afternoon. No uniform needed.



CLASS NEWS

REMEMBER
TO BRING A
COAT EVERY
DAY



Class 2 The daily zoom meetings are set up for 9.15 to 10.00am whilst the children in school in class 2 are out doing their P.E. Please use this time to ask anything that you are not sure about the school work, or you can message via dojo and Mrs Mayhew or I will answer as soon as we can.



For those children in school, you can come to school in PE kit on Fridays with outdoor learning clothes, wellies and coat for the afternoon - no Uniform needed.

Class 3 Well done to all of class 3, the amount and level of work coming in each day is really good and I'm super impressed! A reminder that I'm available on zoom between 11 and 12 on any weekday. Thanks for your support and cooperation! Mr Sussex

SPORT



Please can all children in school have a change of shoes for PE.

- Tuesday - FSU need waterproofs and boots for the afternoon in the garden.
- Thursday - Class 1 can come to School in PE clothes with boots and coats for the afternoon outdoor session. No School uniform is needed.
- Friday - Class 2 can come to School in PE clothes with boots and coats for outdoor learning. No School uniform is needed.

Any questions? Please find me or contact me at sport@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

B&T CLUB

"B" Club (**8:00** drop off) - £4.00 (We are still unable to offer food at this time)
 "T" Club has stopped until further notice

School Dinners

We're pleased to be able to offer children a hot school dinner at lunchtime. Take a look at our reduced menu during lockdown.

Week Three		
25 Jan		
Mon	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with pasta Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans	On the side: And for dessert: Choice on the day
Tue	Butcher's Burger in a Bun with wedges Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans	On the side: And for dessert: Choice on the day
Wed	Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans	On the side: And for dessert: Choice on the day
Thu	Pasty Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans	On the side: And for dessert: Choice on the day
Fri	Fish Fingers & Chips Jacket Potato with Cheese Jacket Potato with Beans	On the side: And for dessert: Choice on the day

You may be interested in this:

Cygnets – Parent autism awareness programme invite (Spring2021)

The programme is for parents/carers of Devon school children aged between 7 and 18 pre or post autism diagnosis. The full invitation letter will be sent via parentmail today along with the newsletter.

6 weekly sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Release date
1	Introduction	Mon 22 nd February
2	Autism overview	Mon 1 st March
3	Sensory	Mon 8 th March
4	Communication	Mon 15 th March
5	Understanding behaviour	Mon 22 nd March
6	Supporting behaviour	Mon 29 th March