



# Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## Autumn Colds

It's that time of year when many children (and staff) pick up coughs and colds, sneezes and runny noses after they have returned to school. This is perfectly normal! If your child obviously has a cold then you should deal with it in the normal way – if they are well enough then they can come to school. If they are not feeling well enough then you should keep them at home as normal until they feel well enough to return.



*Should you get your child tested?*

You only need to get your child tested for Covid if they display one of the symptoms below. You do **not** need to get a test for something that is obviously a cold.

- A fever – this is a temperature of 38 degrees or higher.
- A new and persistent cough. (You will have to use your judgement on this one.)
- A loss of sense of smell or taste.

If you do get your child tested, please keep them at home until you receive the result. If it is negative then your child can come back to school. If the result is positive then please keep them at home for the time that you have been advised.

If you are unsure about what to do then please call the school office for some advice.

## Masks

It is not yet mandatory for you to wear a mask when dropping off and picking up your child, so you can make your mind up about whether or not you would like to do this. We are told that the transmission rates are extremely low when we are in the open air, which is reassuring. However, I would urge you to continue social distancing when you are waiting at the gate and when you are in the playground so as to keep everyone as safe as we can. Thank you.



## Road Closures



The road closures are having an enormously positive effect on the drop-off and pick-up times at school. From my perspective, these times feel far safer, far cleaner and are generally more pleasant. May I give a gentle reminder that the road is still open for residents' access at these times so you should be alert for traffic. Please make sure that you remind your children of this in order to keep everyone safe.

### Meet The Teacher

Your child's teacher will be in contact with you next week to let you know of times for an online 'meet the teacher' session. I know that it is hard to contact and talk to teachers right now, so we would like to offer this so that you can meet them and find out a bit about what is going on this term. Please watch out for an email from the school to let you know when these sessions will be.

### Please Label School Uniform!

The office is gathering a large selection of jumpers and cardigans that have been lost by children during the school day. Most of these do not have names in them so we cannot reunite them with their rightful owners. Please please please make sure that you label your child's uniform so that we can return it to them if it is found. Additionally, we have a lot of unlabelled coats from before the lockdown. We are thinking of a sensible way to display coats and uniform so that you or your children can collect them – watch this space.



### Flu Immunisation Consent Form

Many thanks to those of you who have already completed the consent form for the upcoming flu immunisation. Please make sure that you complete and return this form on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September if you have not already done so. It is entirely up to you if you would like your child to be immunised (although I would heartily recommend it!) If you would not like your child to receive the vaccination then please complete the form to say so and return it to us on Monday also. Thank you!

### Values Points Winners

The first values points winners of the year are Thomas, Tyrece and Mathew. Congratulations you three!



### And Finally... *Parentmail*



This is the final week that I will be using SIMS to send the newsletter to you. From next week we will be migrating to *Parentmail*, which is a new system for us. If you have not yet registered please look for an email from Amanda in the office which gives you details on how to do so.

I would also like to encourage you to download onto your phone the *Parentmail* app which can be found in the app store. This will give you access to your account through your phone which will be extremely convenient, I am sure!

Have a good weekend – I will see you on Monday.

Simon Wattam  
Head Teacher

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policies can be found at [goosegreenprimaryschool.org/school-information/policies](http://goosegreenprimaryschool.org/school-information/policies)  
Please feel free to ask the office for a hard copy of the safeguarding policy if you would like to receive one.