



November 1



Keep Safe Everyone!

Following the announcements from the government on Saturday, it is important for us to think about our part in keeping our community safe.

In my conversations with the Department for Education and Public Health England, we have been commended on the measures that we have in place to help keep everyone safe in school. We know from the rising rates of infection that schools are highly likely to continue to be affected so we are constantly reviewing our risk assessment to ensure that we do all we can to minimise risk.

It is so important that children continue coming to school if they are well so our focus remains on your children's safety and wellbeing whilst they are in our care but also prioritising the best education that we can give in these challenging circumstances.

Swimming cancelled

Unfortunately, one of the risk reducing measures now means that swimming lessons will have to be postponed again for KS1. We rely heavily on volunteers but need to ensure that we minimise the number of adults coming into contact with children to reduce the risk of classes needing to isolate. We hope you understand. We'll let you know if this changes again. Thanks to all those that did volunteer their help.

How you can help...

Please continue to wear masks when dropping children off to help keep others safe. We know that there are people who are clinically vulnerable who really appreciate this. Please also keep 2m distance from others wherever you can and only arrive at school after 8:50am when the gates are open to ensure that there are no gatherings of people at the gates.

Communication

Schools are busy places and we always try to point your questions to the right person. As many of you have discovered, I am more than happy to talk to any parent or carer but quite often there may be someone else who is better placed to talk to you.

In the first instance, the **Class Teacher** is your first port of call – they spend the most time with your child and are responsible for their learning and pastoral care whilst in the classroom.

Mrs Giles is our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (**SENDCO**) so please contact her if you have a concern about your child and their special educational needs.

The **office staff** will help you with ParentPay, ESchools, sickness absence or any other more general enquiries.

Look out for Mrs Roe on Class Dojo or use the email address:

info@etwall.derbyshire.sch.uk

Mr Ormiston is our Deputy **Headteacher** and he is currently leading our Remote Learning Plan so for any difficulties with accessing learning at home, please contact him.

I'm here for everything else!

Dress for the Weather

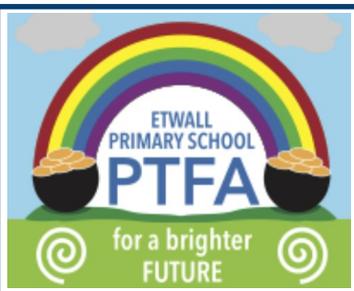
With the changeable weather and our need to ventilate rooms, we ask that you make sure that children come to school wearing layers or wear clothes which are warm enough for all weathers. We also ask that children always bring a coat. We try to get the children outside even if it is spitting with rain so a waterproof coat is great for the coming winter months.



Maths week starts with dress up day on Monday 9th November!



I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Josie O'Donnell has been appointed as a parent governor following our nomination period before half-term. We are really looking forward to welcoming Mrs O'Donnell to the governing board and know that with her experience, she will be another valued member of the team.



Building Project now starting no earlier than 16th November

We had a pre-site start meeting at the end of the week before half-term and were informed that there has been a delay to the start date. Hopefully it will start by the end of this month!



Inset Days

- Monday 4th January
- Monday 7th June
- Thursday 22nd July



Covid FAQ



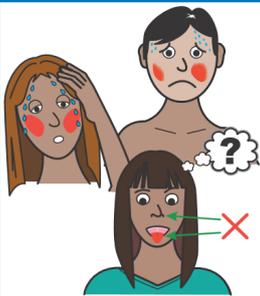
We know that many of you will be worried about the spread of coronavirus in our community. The government has stated that schools will be remaining open so I wanted to share with you some of what we know in school. I sent some of this information out in September but have added more information below.

How do I book a test?

For those who are able to go online, use the following web address:

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Symptoms



- A high **temperature**.
- **Feel hot** to touch on your chest or back.
- A **loss or change** in what you can normally **smell or taste**.

24 hours



- A new **continuous cough**. This means **coughing** a lot for more than one hour or 3 or more coughs in a day. If you usually have a cough then this might be worse at this time.

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IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS THE INTERNET AND NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE NHS CORONAVIRUS TESTING SERVICE DIAL 119 FROM ANY PHONE

119 are able to support parents (and schools). They have information in over 650 languages which may be helpful if English is not your first language.

Do all children have symptoms?

Our experience so far is that many children do not have symptoms but can still test positive for coronavirus. This makes it much more difficult for us to identify those who might test positive and to ensure that they are isolating.

We cannot advise on other possible coronavirus symptoms but do just urge you to be vigilant and to take your child for a test if you are unsure.

Test results seem to be coming back within around 24 hours and almost all are back within 48 hours.

What if someone in my household tests positive?

Your child should isolate under these circumstances for 14 days. Please contact us to arrange for work to be sent over. Remain vigilant for any possible symptoms and book a test if you are at all unsure.

What happens if my child needs to self-isolate?

We will inform you by Class Dojo and by ESchools if your child's class or bubble has to isolate. We will contact you individually by email/phone/Dojo if your child is an exception to this or if your child has had close contact with a child in another bubble.

Your child should not leave the house or garden if they are isolating. This is a legal requirement and any breaches can lead to a fine.

What work will my child have if they are isolating?

If your child is at home because your household is isolating, then please let us know and the classteacher will send some work over to you on Class Dojo or will direct you to work on the website.

If your child's whole class is isolating, then the classteacher will be in touch with arrangements for joining live sessions and for completing the work that will be set.