



Linchfield Community Primary School

Newsletter

11th September 2020



Dear Families,

What a fantastic first week we have all had back at school! We are delighted to say that the children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn and have adapted quickly to some new ways of working. They have adjusted well to new timetables, extra handwashing and have produced some exceptional work as well this week. Well done all of you. We are all immensely proud of you all and we have enjoyed having a busy, happy school once again.

We have all been working very hard this week to adapt to the 'new normal' way of life and I would like to say a big thanks to all our parents/carers for your patience, understanding and support during school reopening and for respecting the new rules and systems we have put into place to keep the children, staff and families safe. We have updated our school risk assessment, details of which can be found on the school website under "Coronavirus" in the "Parents" section.

Mrs S Ratchford and Staff at Linchfield School.

Please follow our new social media pages

We will be using our social media pages to update you on anything exciting your children have been doing in school over the week. Please take a look to see what we have been up to at school.



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<https://www.facebook.com/Linchfield-Community-Primary-School-103768004798801>

Headteacher awards

We will still be celebrating the childrens' achievements each week with our Headteacher awards. We will be holding these via class zoom meetings.

Unfortunately, we are not able to hold whole school assemblies or invite parents into school at this time so please look out on Twitter and Facebook for who has received a Headteacher award each week.

Its Christmas time!

Linchfield Cookery Book

Vol.3

We would like to produce the third edition of the Linchfield Cookery Book but this time we would like to make a Christmas edition full of recipes from the Linchfield Community.

If you have any festive family favourites which you would like to share, we would love to include them.

Please send them to Mrs. Donnelly (Year 4) by 23.10.20 with the names of the family or individuals submitting the recipe & the name of the pupil's class.

The books will be on sale in the Christmas term & all proceeds will go towards cooking equipment for the school.



Information for parents and carers on suspected COVID-19 (coronavirus) in a child

WHEN TO SUSPECT COVID-19 IN YOUR CHILD:

if they develop symptoms of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Do not send your child to school or childcare setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting

If your child develops symptoms at the childcare setting, they will be separated from others, and will **be sent home**

If your child (or anyone in your household) has symptoms they must arrange a test **as soon as possible** and isolate at home for **10 days** from date of onset of symptoms (or until they receive a negative result). Everyone else in the household who does not have symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days (or until the symptomatic household member receives a negative result)

Arrange for a coronavirus test for anyone in your household with symptoms either online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call NHS testing line on 119. The test must be done within **five days** of when symptoms start. Ensure you know who to contact with the results in the school/childcare setting if the results are received outside usual working hours

You will be offered a test at your closest drive-through centre. This is the quickest option. A parent or carer will need to perform the test on children under 12 years old. If you don't drive, you can request a home test kit. **Do not** get a taxi or public transport to the test centre

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message)

NEGATIVE

Child/staff member can return to setting once well, unless they are a contact of a case, when they will need to complete 14 days self-isolation

If your child is identified as having been in contact with a confirmed case, they will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have had a negative test result. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, arrange testing and follow the flowchart above

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

POSITIVE

Inform the school or childcare setting as soon as possible even if outside opening hours. The child's close contacts within the school will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days

Ensure the child who has tested positive completes the **10 day** isolation period (from date of onset of symptom)*. Household members without symptoms should complete 14 days isolation

NHS Test & Trace will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited

*If the child is a confirmed case they can return to the childcare setting/school after 10 days. If they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait until 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If the child does not develop symptoms, but lives in a household with someone who has tested positive, they can return to setting after completing 14 days self-isolation at home

For general information about COVID-19 please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>