

Higher Walton CE Primary School

Autumn term 1

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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REMINDERS AND UPDATES

ABSENCES

Please report absences on ParentMail **for each day of absence** giving the full reason for the absence, especially where this is illness related.

ILLNESS

The NHS advises that if a child has mild cold-like symptoms (sore throats and blocked or runny noses) they should continue to go to school as long as they are feeling well in themselves and do not have a fever. Please remind them about the use of tissues and to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

Please note that school cannot advise you whether your child should be in school or not if they have a cold or a cough so if you are concerned you should contact the NHS on 111.

If you suspect your child may have Covid-19 symptoms - a high temperature or a new continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) or a loss or change in their sense of smell or taste - then you must keep them off school and book a test. All household members will then need to isolate until the test results have been received. School must be informed immediately if your child has had a test and again when the results have been received.

When to get a test:-

- If you have symptoms, get a test as soon as possible. You need to get the test done in the first 5 days of having symptoms - book a visit to a test site or order a home test kit if you cannot get to a test site.
- On days 1 to 4 of your symptoms, you can get tested at a site or at home. If you're ordering a home test kit on day 4, do it by 3pm.
- On day 5, you need to go to a test site. It's too late to order a home test kit.
- If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, you and anyone you live with must stay at home (self-isolate). Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.

COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY

Whilst appointments should be made outside of school hours wherever possible, we appreciate this cannot always be arranged. Therefore, if you need to collect your child from school before their finish time please make us aware you are here by either telephoning or by knocking on the outside windows of the offices either side of the front door and then wait outside. We will then collect your child and see them out to you.

SCHOOL DIARY

Diary dates have now been updated on the school website.

NEWSLETTERS

We will now be using our new website to share news with you rather than sending out lengthy newsletters. We now have a new 'Blog' feature where we will share what the children have been doing in school and diary dates will be in the calendar section of the website. Important/urgent information will continue to be sent to you by ParentMail and general weekly reminders and updates will be sent on a Friday. Please have a look and bookmark our site - www.walton.lancs.sch.uk. We will continue to update our Facebook page too with news from school.