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# Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a another super week here at school with lots of great learning going on, so I am reluctant to put a downer on things. However, it is clear that despite the green shoots of 'getting back to normal', there is still a great deal of sadness and a great deal of support needed for not only some of our children, but also some of our families and communities. Add to that the fact that there seems to be less and less help on offer from public services due to them being so stretched, it makes for some upsetting and sometimes lonely circumstances for more people than before the pandemic. I guess I'm bringing this up to say that as well as your children's welfare being your job as parents, we are also here for support and have so many skilled staff members who can help your children socially, mentally and emotionally. But you might need some support too. The Early Help offer attached to this email is great and can provide some incredibly useful support and guidance, but if there is anything else you feel you need or you are a bit lost and need some more signposting, please come to us and if we can't help ourselves, we'll do our best to get you to someone who can.

You all have a lovely weekend and we'll see you next week.

Mr P.

## COVID UPDATE

You'll have heard that the isolation period has now been cut to five days as long as there are negative lateral flow tests. If you have any queries (which would be understandable!) please do just contact us here at school. The following is taken from the government guidance:

*From Monday 17 January, people with COVID-19 in England can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6. The decision has been made after careful consideration of modelling from the UK Health Security Agency and to support essential public services and workforces over the winter. It is crucial that people isolating with COVID-19 wait until they have received 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests on 2 consecutive days to reduce the chance of still being infectious. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation. It is essential that 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and reported before individuals return to their job or education, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 10-day period.*

*For instance, if an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on both day 6 and day 7 to release from self-isolation, or positive on day 6, then a negative test is required on days 7 and 8, and so on until the end of day 10.*

## SEN LOAN SERVICE

Mrs Helyar wrote to you last week about loaning out some resources that might help your children both in school and at home. We've invested in a lot of weighted blankets, fidget toys, and all sorts, with the aim that it might help your children to be more calm and focused when needed and perhaps aid them in regulating their emotions. If you feel this might benefit your child, please contact Mrs Helyar on [j.helyar@urmstonprimaryschool.com](mailto:j.helyar@urmstonprimaryschool.com).

### CLOTHING IN THE COLD!

Let's face it...it is cold at the moment. Furthermore, it certainly doesn't help that current safety measures and expectations include keeping windows open. We have told the children that if they are getting cold inside, they can wear coats but can I suggest that you encourage children to perhaps wear another layer if possible through these cold winter months? I'm sorry for such a suggestion but there really are no alternatives at present and coats sometimes make writing difficult, especially for our littlest ones. Thanks for your understanding.

### PROVISIONAL DATES FOR THE DIARY...

Monday 24th January, 11am: SEN drop in with Mrs Helyar — see yesterday's letter for the link!

Monday 7th February, 1.30pm: SENDIASS workshop/Q&A— see yesterday's letter for the link!

Tuesday 1st February: Chinese New Year

Wednesday 2nd February, 12.45pm: Parent Wellbeing meeting — link to come

WB 7th March: Children's Mental Health Week with Place2Be

WB 14th March: Neurodiversity Celebration Week; WB 28th March: World Autism Awareness Week

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day

Tuesday 22nd, Thursday 24th March: Parents Evening—info closer to the time.

There's lots more going on in school that you'll find out about and we'll also be putting on a writing workshop soon. Watch this space!

### BEING MORE

It is so important that our children are immersed in the notion of being actively positive and doing that bit more to make the world better for themselves and others. We'd really love you to get more involved with this so please email me at [s.parker@urmstonprimarieschool.com](mailto:s.parker@urmstonprimarieschool.com) so that we can celebrate, as a school, the fantastic things that our children are doing for others in the community and be inspired to 'be more' ourselves.

## COME AND JOIN OUR HANDBALL OPEN DAY

**FOR A FUN DAY OF GAMES, RALLIES AND HANDBALL ACTIVITIES**

**Where:** George H. Carnall, Kingsway Park, Urmston, M41 7FJ

**When:** Wednesdays 18.00 - 19.00  
Saturdays 10.00 - 11.00  
12.00 - 13.00  
14.00 - 15.00

**What's next:** Grab a friend & turn up to the session with your invite

**How much: FREE**

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER**



**EVERYONE WELCOME BETWEEN THE AGES 3-12**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH:  
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