

Rudston Primary School

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As you are all aware Liverpool is in a difficult position regarding Covid. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support of our new school procedures. Please follow the new Local Lockdown guidance over the coming weeks to ensure the safety of all of our school community.

Please can I remind you that the measures are put in place to protect everyone. I ask that you do not arrive early to drop off or collect your child. Those arriving early will have to wait outside school and this is causing congestion on the pavement; as well as parents getting cold and wet in the bad weather. In addition it is really important to leave the school site straight away once your child is through the school gate in the morning or once you have collected them at the end of the school day. This is in order to limit contact and reduce gatherings.

Please continue to support us with this and keep our community safe.

If your child develops symptoms please inform the school immediately stating the symptoms and the date they started. School also needs the date the child had a COVID test and also the results of the test before the child returns to school. All family members need to isolate until the results of the test are known.

If you receive test results out of school hours or during the weekend please contact school on

school@rudstonprimary.co.uk

Please DO NOT try to get your child tested unless they have developed symptoms of COVID 19.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:

A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
<p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough</p>
<p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
<p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
<p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
<p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
<p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

Some frequently asked questions:

Do any of the new measures affect childcare?

You can continue to use early years and childcare settings, including child minders and providers offering before or after school clubs or other out-of-school settings for children. You can also continue to employ nannies, including those living outside of the region.

Children of parents who are separated can continue to move between households.

Formal and informal arrangements for caring for children under 14 or vulnerable adults can continue. An example would include where a grandparent looks after a child so a parent can go out to work. Or taking them and picking them up from school. It does not allow for play dates and parties.

What is a support bubble?

A support bubble is a close support network between a household with only one adult in the home (known as a single-adult household) and one other household of any size.

Once you're in a support bubble, you can think of yourself as being in a single household with people from the other household. It means you can have close contact with that household as if they were members of your own household.

Once you make a support bubble, you should not change who is in your bubble.

You should not have multiple bubbles.

Are bubbles mixing when children are walking into school via Score Lane entrance?

All year groups have separate times to enter the Score Lane entrance to separate bubbles. Some children are entering with siblings at the same time however this will not mix bubbles as the contact in the walk way is for less than 1 minute.

Direct contact:

- Any contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact

Close contact:

- Extended close contact (between 1 and 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with a case

My child is isolating and usually receives a free school meal, what support will I receive?

From time to time, some children will still be unable to attend if they are required to self-isolate or if local lockdown arrangements are in place. Please inform school if your child is eligible for benefits-related free school meals and who are not in attendance because they:

- are self-isolating
- have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)
- are not attending as a result of local lockdown arrangements

You will receive a food parcel containing a range of packed lunch items such as bread, cheese, cooked meats, fruit, salad, juice to over the period of isolation. Please note this is not available to those children in Reception – Year 2 who receive universal free school meals.

My child is unable to attend school, what school work will be provided?

If your child is off school due to COVID related absence your class teacher will set regular work via Google Classroom. Please make sure your child has logged into their Google Classroom account to ensure they receive set work. If you have any issues, including access to I pad, tablet or laptop please inform school via admin@rudstonprimary.co.uk

My child is home for 2 weeks due to a closed bubble and I am unable to attend work, is there any financial support available?

People who live in Liverpool and have received notification from NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate will be entitled to a £500 support payment if you meet **all** of the following requirements:

- You comply with the NHS Test and Trace notification to self-isolate;
- You are employed or self-employed;

- You are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result; **and**
- You are in receipt of one of the following benefits:
 - Universal Credit
 - Working Tax Credit
 - Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
 - Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
 - Income Support
 - Housing Benefit
 - Pension Credit

If you are not receiving one of these benefits but are on a low income and self-isolation will cause you hardship you may still be entitled under a special discretionary scheme.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/advice-and-support/coronavirus-benefits-advice-and-support/test-and-trace-support-payment/>

I am currently researching any financial support for families who are being asked to take unpaid leave during bubble closures and will share any information that I receive.

Next terms **parent evening** meetings will not be able to go ahead as normal.

We will be in touch shortly with our plans to discuss your child's progress and targets.



Year 7 Applications

Year 6 parents must apply online for their secondary school places from 12th September when the council formally opened the Year 7 2021 admissions applications. You must submit your application before the deadline of 31st October.

Please note that children who are not Liverpool Local Authority residents must apply to their relevant local authority i.e. Sefton/ Halton/ Knowsley in order to make your online application even if you wish to apply for a Liverpool school.



We are pleased to announce that **Happy Hedgehogs Sports Camps** will be running during the October holidays. The Sports camps will be held at Rudston Primary School during the October break providing a range of sporting activities for children to enjoy over the school holidays. Please contact Happy Hedgehog Sports for further details at info@happyhedgehogsports.co.uk.