



# Newsletter

## 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Shute Primary  
School

Attendance Up to this week 96%

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

We have decided to hold a brief parent's evening before October half term as I think it is important to get the chance to talk to your child's teacher(s).

Many schools aren't having parents evening this term because of Covid 19 but we feel we can hold it in a safe way. We will only be giving time slots of 5 minutes as we will have 5 minute gaps between meetings to allow us to wipe down tables and chairs and to ensure that we can stagger the meetings safely so parents don't have to wait around. We are asking only one parent to attend on their own without their children.

The meeting will take place in the school hall with a KS1 parent coming in the Pre-school/Reception entrance by the side gate and a KS2 parent coming in the front entrance. There will be at least a 2 metre distance between the teacher(s) and the parent. We ask you to please wear a mask/face shield and so will the teachers as it will be indoors.

The timetable is as follows:

Fox class (Y1/2) on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Badgers class (Y5/6) on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Squirrel class (Pre-school/Reception) on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Hedgehog class (Y3/4) on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

We will have time slots from 4-5pm, 5-6pm and 6-6.30pm on those evenings. We ask that you sign up for one of these time slots and we will try and fit you in this time period. If you are flexible to attend any time slot or on either night for your child's class please indicate as that will help us set up a schedule.

We realise that 5 minutes is a quick meeting so any further questions that didn't get discussed can be emailed through to [admin@shute-primary.org.uk](mailto:admin@shute-primary.org.uk)

**The sign-up sheet(s) will be sent home today with the eldest child in your family at the school. Please indicate your preference for the day and time slot preferred along with your child's name. Please complete one per child and return the form to either myself or Mrs Haysom as soon as possible. The teachers will then confirm the day and time and we will return the form to you.**

Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mr Germscheid

### **Thank you**

A special thank you to Keith Sweetland who has kindly been cutting the grass at school these past few months. It has been greatly appreciated.

### **Wet weather jackets**

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a water proof coat preferably with a hood. Now that the weather has turned wet and cold we still want to go outside as much as possible for morning break and at lunchtimes so the children can be outside and not inside all day.

### **Before School Club**

Mrs Sandman will be running the before school club every morning. If you would like your child to attend for the first time, please contact Mrs Haysom, email [admin@shute-primary.org.uk](mailto:admin@shute-primary.org.uk) for further details.

### **Inhalers and other medication:**

Please ensure that we have a new medical form for the new school year and in date medication in school, should your child need regular or emergency medication in school. Please see Mrs Haysom to fill out a form. We are only able to give prescribed medicine and selected Over the Counter Medicine to children and all prescribed medicine must come in the container/box it was prescribed in. Green medical forms can be requested from Mrs Haysom, please complete and hand in to her with your child's medicine.

### **Mindfulness Club**

After half-term mindfulness will stop and resume in the Spring/Summer term.

### **Free School Meals**

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

## **Pupil Premium**

The pupil premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

There are 4 elements to pupil premium:

1. Free school meal eligibility
2. service children
3. adopted from care, special guardianship order and residence order
4. children in care

Any qualifying family that registers their eligibility (based on the free school meal criteria) will help raise pupil premium money for the school. For 2020-21, the additional funding will be £1,345 for a primary school, for each registered child.

Do I need to apply for pupil premium? (based on free school meal criteria)

You only need to apply if you have a child in reception, year 1 or year 2 and both of the following apply:

- you do not have an existing free school meal claim
- you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits (see [School meals](#) for a list of the qualifying benefits).

How to apply

Through the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

## **Sickness**

In line with NHS and Department of Education guidelines, children should not come into school for at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

## **School lunches**

Reminder that the cost of school meals for pupils aged 3-4 (In Squirrels FSU) and in Year 3 and above is £2.50 per day. Lunch money should be paid in advance via ParentPay. Orders must be placed the Thursday before the week lunches are required.

## **Illness and Absence**

If your child is absent from school, you are requested to contact the school office before 9.15am. As required by our Safeguarding Policy if the administration team have not heard from you by early morning they will contact you to establish why your child is not in school. If we are unable to establish contact we may have to report this to the School Education Welfare Officer.

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment in school time, please complete the S2 form which can be found on the school website. <https://shuteprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2019/03/S2-October-2018.pdf> or ask Mrs Haysom for one prior to the absence.

If a child is late, he or she must be signed in by a parent or carer, they must follow the instructions in the entrance and use the intercom to alert the office and a member of staff will come and let you in to sign them in.

Persistent lateness has a negative impact on learning and we support families to ensure all children arrive in good time. A letter or email must be sent to school with the child on their return to school and for any planned medical appointments.



# Schools advice to parents and carers

Keeping our children, schools and communities safe

Currently only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to get tested:

- A high temperature
- OR new, continuous cough
- OR loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Visit the 111 [online symptom checker](#) and [check the government website](#) for changes to testing guidance.

People without COVID-19 symptoms don't need to get tested, unless asked to by a health professional, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive. Close contacts should isolate for 14 days and only get tested if they develop COVID-19 symptoms.

Stay up to date with the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) advice in Devon at [devon.cc/covid-19](https://devon.cc/covid-19) and sign up to receive updates at [devon.cc/connectme](https://devon.cc/connectme)

| What if...                            | You need to...  | Return to school...   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| My child has COVID-19 symptoms?       | <p><b>Keep your child at home and tell school they have COVID-19 symptoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get your child tested and tell school the result.</li> <li>• Self-isolate whole household while waiting for test result (If unable to get a test, child must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started and rest of household must self-isolate for 14 days)</li> </ul>                             | if your child's test result is negative and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours.   |
| My child tests positive for COVID-19? | <p><b>Keep your child at home and tell school test result</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-isolate your child for 10 days from when their symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms).</li> <li>• Self isolate your whole household for 14 days from when your child's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone else in the household tests negative during that time.</li> </ul> | after completing 10 days self-isolation and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours. They can return to school even with a cough or loss/change of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone. |

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| What if...  | You need to...  | Return to school...   |
|---|---|---|
| Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms?  | <p><b>Keep your child at home and tell school a household member has COVID-19 symptoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household member with symptoms should get tested.</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result (if unable to get a test, household member with symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started and rest of household must self-isolate for 14 days).</li> </ul> | when the household member's test result is negative, and your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.                                    |
| Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19?  | <p><b>Keep your child at home and tell school test result</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from when this person's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone else in the household tests negative during that time.</li> </ul>  | when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms. |
| NHS Test and Trace identifies my child as a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive for COVID-19? | <p><b>Keep your child at home and tell school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self isolate your child for 14 days (even if they test negative during that time).</li> <li>Rest of household doesn't need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too.</li> </ul>  | when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms. |
| We have travelled and must self-isolate due to quarantine rules?  | <p><b>Keep your child at home and tell school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household members that travelled must self-isolate for 14 days, even if someone tests negative in that time.</li> <li>Please do not take unauthorised leave during term, and consider quarantine requirements and government advice when booking travel.</li> </ul>  | when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms. |
| We receive advice from a medical/ official source that my child must resume shielding?                  | <p><b>Keep your child at home and contact school to discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shield your child until you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>   | when you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again.  |
| My child has a runny/ stuffy nose or sore throat, but does not have COVID-19 symptoms                   | <p><b>Think about whether your child is well enough to go to school or not</b></p>  | If you think your child is well enough, and they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. Use the NHS111 symptom checker if you're not sure    |

For a more accessible version of this information please visit [devon.cc/covid19-school-absence](https://devon.cc/covid19-school-absence) and if you require this information in another format or language please email [communications@devon.gov.uk](mailto:communications@devon.gov.uk)

# Symptoms checker

Only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to get tested –

**A high temperature**

**OR new, continuous cough**

**OR loss or change to sense of smell or taste**

Use the NHS 111 [online symptom checker](#) if you're not sure.

| Symptoms   | COVID-19<br>Mild to severe          | Cold<br>Gradual onset | Flu<br>Rapid onset       |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or above)         | Common                              | Rare                  | Common                   |
| New cough  | Common (usually dry and continuous) | Sometimes             | Common (usually dry)     |
| Recent loss or change to sense of taste or smell | Common                              | Rare                  | No                       |
| Fatigue  | Sometimes (common in children)      | Sometimes             | Common                   |
| Sneezing   | No                                  | Common                | No                       |
| Aches and pains                                  | Sometimes                           | Common                | Common                   |
| Runny or stuffy nose                             | Rare                                | Common                | Sometimes                |
| Sore throat                                      | Sometimes                           | Common                | Sometimes                |
| Diarrhoea  | Rare (sometimes for children)       | No                    | Sometimes (for children) |
| Headaches  | Sometimes                           | Rare                  | Common                   |
| Shortness of breath                              | Sometimes                           | No                    | No                       |

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**Diary Dates:**

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|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>October</b> |                        |
| 14.10.20       | Flu Vaccinations       |
| 22.10.20       | Individual Photographs |