



Nunnery Wood Primary School



Wednesday 3rd February

Dear Parents/Carers

I have two important pieces of news to share with you this week.

Firstly, lateral flow testing for staff at Nunnery Wood Primary School started this week. This means that members of staff coming into school will be taking a twice-weekly COVID-19 test (at home) on a voluntary basis. We hope that this additional precautionary measure will help to reassure staff and families.

Secondly, it's Children's Mental Health Week all this week. This year's theme is 'Express Yourself' and is focused on getting children and adults to find creative ways to share their thoughts, feelings and emotions through activities like music, art, dance or photography. The importance of children and young people's mental health has never been more critical, particularly with what we're all currently going through with the pandemic. I know teachers have planned within their remote learning this week, activities to encourage to children to express themselves. Please share with us any activities or top tips that you may have developed at home, email into school or add to our twitter feed @NunneryWoodPS

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Blue Peter children's TV show have launched Blue Peter on YouTube that is suitable for 5-11 year olds. The videos include world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tips, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. You can subscribe for free at <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances have changed at home and you meet any of the below criteria you may now be eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You can apply direct online at:

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals

When your application has been processed, and we have received confirmation from WCC of your eligibility, your child will then begin to receive Free School Meals.

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HERE2HELP IS A COMMUNITY ACTION RESPONSE TO COVID-19.



It provides help and support for Worcestershire residents.

They are able to offer support to families. If you are vulnerable and need help during this difficult time but are unable to seek help from family, friends and neighbours, please visit their website

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help

or alternatively a phone number has been set up for those who can't access the internet. The dedicated number is 01905 768053, then press option 3. The Here2Help opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.

INTERNET DATA FOR MOBILE DEVICES

If you have limited data on mobile devices that your child is using for remote learning then you may be entitled to apply additional data, this is available on some networks. If this is something you think you may be eligible for then please email the school office at office@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk for the attention of Mr Bidwell.

REMINDER COVID RESULT PROCEDURES:

If you receive a confirmation of a positive COVID test result please ensure you contact Public Health Worcester by email WCChealthprotection@worcestershire.gov.uk as well as further as our email safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk to report a positive Covid case.

Please ensure you include:

- Child's full name
- Year group keyworker bubble
- Date that the symptoms started
- Date of the test result
- Last day that the child was in school
- Your contact details
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Thank you for your continued support.

REMINDER ATTENDANCE:

If you have registered your child for keyworker provision, please advise us if they are not attending due to a shift pattern change or illness. All schools have to report daily to Department for Education (DFE) and therefore require this information.

Please see attached offer of printing from a local firm.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Higgins & The NWPS Team.

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