



Weekly Update: Friday 6th November 2020

Dear parent or carer

I am very grateful that we have reached the end of another week with limited disruption.

Many thanks once again for all your help and cooperation with our arrangements including the latest directive from DENI regarding masks and distancing at the school door and gate.

Please remember to follow the guidance should your child or a close contact display symptoms or test positive for COVID. This is in no small way helping to keep us all safe.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Stay safe and God bless.

Mrs D Graffin

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

Dates for your diary

Mon 9 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road of Hope Collection ends Miss Scullion begins placement in Y5
Tues 10 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *NEW* Our Connected Assembly featuring Y2
Thur 12 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treat Thursday. Bring a small snack (NO NUTS - including Buenos). We are a nut-free school!
Fri 13 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Transfer Club 8am
Mon 16 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-Bullying Week begins – watch out for activities!

November Milk and Break

Thanks to everyone who paid online. There was a problem with the milk delivery so there will be a reduction next month to reflect this. Thanks for understanding.

Y1 Baseline Interviews

Mrs Scullion has now met with almost all the parents of Y1 pupils. It has been challenging to organise but so very worthwhile, particularly as our induction process was very different this year. Thanks to all the parents who came along and were so open about their hopes and concerns and also to Mrs Scullion for making the effort to connect with all the families of our newest pupils. We are still hopeful that regular parent interviews can be organised for all Y2-7 pupils at some point later in the year.

Music Update



Y5: Time to dust down those tin whistles! Placement teacher Miss Scullion is a talented musician and will be sharing her expertise while spending 4 weeks in Year 5. All Y5s who played the tin whistle last year will get 2 short sessions of music per week. Health and safety precautions will be taken including keeping our distance and all facing forward. Reminders will be sent by Seesaw. We hope that we can celebrate their achievements later in the term.

New musicians: Education Authority have indicated that they will soon be ready to take on 'new' musicians. Violin and Flute or Clarinet lessons will be offered to Y4 pupils first. Parents do not need to do anything else yet but should think about the commitment this requires and whether this is something the child would like to do.

Leadership Teams: The pupil voice matters!



Our reformed leadership groups met this week and agreed on the focus of their work:

Eco council are completing an environmental survey and working on renewing our Green Flag

School Council are coming up with ways we can stay connected as a school community during these times

Digital leaders are working on ideas to put together and share as our annual Open Day seems unlikely

Friends of New Row: Caring & Sharing

This year, more than ever, families in our local community, and within the school, are facing difficult times. 2020 has given each of us enough to worry about. We are delighted to introduce our new Food Voucher Scheme, funded by Friends of New Row. If you would benefit from a little help with groceries, simply speak to Mrs Graffin, in complete confidence.



In November we remember

In November we will take time in school to remember all the people who have died.

What can we do at home?

- ❖ We can attend the grave of our loved ones and pray for them
- ❖ We can light a candle in the Chapel for them.
- ❖ We can create a little spot in the home where we can stop, say a prayer and remember our loved ones.
- ❖ We can think of happy times we spent with our loved ones.

Prayer for those who have died (or say a prayer of your own):

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Road of Hope: one last weekend

What a fantastic response so far to our annual Road of Hope appeal! The collection will close on Monday, so still a little time to get a last minute gift.

Suggested gifts include:



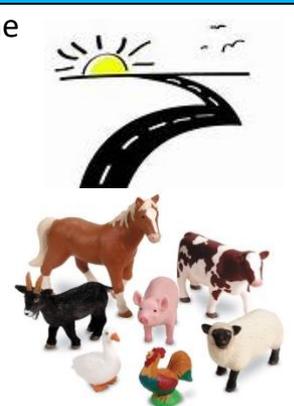
All classes: SOCKS!

For all ages from child to adult, male & female

Y1, 2 & 3: A small toy for ages 3-6 years

Y4 & 5: tennis ball or bouncy ball

Y6 & 7: Hand cream/sudocrem, Farm animals, Pretend jewellery sets



Road of Hope is very grateful for any support we can give to of their charity.

Helping others: The Little Princess Trust - UPDATE

Update: Our very own little princess Niamh Diamond is still very keen on getting her hair cut to raise money for the Princess Trust charity. However, the restrictions mean that she will have to wait a little longer for the hairdressers to reopen. Even more time to remember to donate! Link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/niamhs-little-princess-trust?fbclid=IwAR2LmYUxG92gqmrSOO84vLG2wQTyLYs-cRKD8Jrwf7uwVfRqKus2NfvQFXc>

Financial or other worries? Need some assistance or support?

Call ST VINCENT DE PAUL Confidential Local Helpline 028 7930 0819.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/](https://nidirect.gov.uk/) CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their 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 (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk



EDUCATION RESTART

