



# FLORENDINE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Autumn term 1

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## Good to be back

This week sees Florendine back to full capacity as our new Reception class joined us full time from Monday. It is so good to have all the children back and I am delighted with just how quickly they have settled back into school routines and already started to demonstrate the excellent attitudes to learning that were in place prior to the enforced school closures. Once again I want to reiterate that I don't want you worrying about how much they've fallen behind, over the next few weeks we will work to identify and support areas that need consolidating.

Thanks for helping us to keep items coming into school and returning home, down to a minimum.



## Drop off

Now that the children ( and parents ) have become more familiar with our new normal let's try and reduce the number of adults on site further by saying good bye at the gate and letting children walk in to class. There will be staff outside on site to see children in safely. Obviously our younger pupils may still need accompanying by a parent to the drop off point. Reception and KS1 parents-please time your arrival so that you can walk straight up the slope and drop off your child and then leave through the pedestrian gate ( unless you have had to wait after dropping an older sibling off).

## Food bank and harvest

I'm sure you are aware that one of the unfortunate consequences of the impact of the pandemic has been the rise in demand placed upon local food banks. Our harvest celebration assembly usually centres around the community's collection and donation of goods for this service, something our local foodbank has come to rely on. Although because of Covid restrictions we won't be having our usual joint assembly we would still like to continue with the donation collection. **URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS INCLUDE TINNED FRUIT (400GMS) TEA BAGS (80'S) DRIED PASTA (500GMS) UHT MILK (1 LITRE) BREAKFAST CEREALS.** Please send whatever you can into school with your child and we will get it to where it is needed.

## Macmillan coffee morning

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions on adults within school at the moment, we will not be able to have our usual Macmillan coffee morning –as we do each September. The importance of this charity does not decrease though and we would still like to send home the silver coin pots, as we did last year, to collect much needed funds for this charity. Your donations can be emptied directly into a change counting machine without worry about any transmission risks.

## Outdoor learning

Obviously being outside is one of the safest places to spend time at the moment and we are focusing on developing our outdoor learning at Florendine this term. The children will spend time exploring all areas of the curriculum within the school grounds so please make sure they have a coat with them each day.

## Shugborough rescheduled

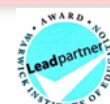
Due to Covid 19 restrictions on school trips we have had to rearrange our usual September visit to Shugborough to November this year.

## Start and end of day timings

I am aware that the staggered pick up times can lead to those of you with more than one child at Florendine having to wait for a while. We will monitor how quickly the exits are cleared by the departing bubbles during this week and look to see if we can alter finish times slightly to minimise the wait.

## Keep your distance/ Wear a mask

You will have noticed in the news that cases of Covid-19 are on the increase again, please do everything you can to stop it spreading. I'm afraid the new normal is something we are going to have to get used to living with.





## Coughs and colds

It's quite normal around this time of year that children will start displaying cold symptoms and you may become concerned that this might be the start of a case of Covid-19. Don't forget the symptoms for Covid-19 are quite specific

Please follow this link if you think your child may have Covid-19 symptoms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

### SYMPTOM CHART: WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Abrupt onset of symptoms</small>
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Cough	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

If you think someone in your family may have the corona virus follow this link to find out how to get a test.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Please follow the one way system when dropping off and picking up to avoid parent to parent contact.



If you think someone in your family may have the corona virus please do not send them into school until a test proves negative.

## 3 W's to reduce risk of COVID-19

Wear a mask



Wash your hands



Watch your distance



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