

Newsletter

Reminder

I would like to remind you that you must wear face coverings whenever you are on the school site unless you are exempt. Thank you.

Viking Topic Days

We have arranged for a company to come in and run some Viking Workshops, which will take place on the following days:

26th January – Gedney Drove End - Norway class

27th January – Westmere - USA, Canada, Portugal and Spain classes

To get the most from the experience we would like the children to dress as a Viking; we have sent an outfit ideas sheet, please speak to the office if you need a copy.

Japanese Club – Holbeach St Marks and Gedney Drove End

Mrs Parr will be starting a Japanese club this term; the dates are in the table below:

Holbeach St Marks	Gedney Drove End
Wednesday 19 th January	Wednesday 26 th January
Wednesday 2 nd February	Wednesday 9 th February

The club will run until 4.15pm and is open to children in Barbados, St Lucia, Sweden and Norway classes. Please email Mrs Lintott if your child would like to join. There are limited spaces so they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Reasons for Absences

When leaving a message about your child's absence, please state clearly what is actually wrong with them i.e. stomach ache, headache, high temperature. Thank you.

Head Lice

Please regularly check your child's hair for headlice and treat if needed.

Parking - Westmere

Our Mini Police have asked that you do not park, or drop off, on the zig zags outside our schools, or on the zebra crossing section, at Westmere. Please help us keep the children and our communities as safe as possible on the roads.

Lateral Flow Tests

If you struggle to get lateral flow tests from your local pharmacy, you can order packs of 7 tests to be delivered to your home address. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> There is a green 'Start now' button half way down the page.

Diary Dates

26th January Viking Day - Norway Class

27th January Viking Day – USA, Canada, Portugal & Spain

11th February End of Term 3

21st February Start of Term 4



Covid Symptoms

If your child has any of the symptoms below, you must not send them to school. Instead you will need to arrange a PCR test by booking online or calling 119. A lateral flow test is not to be used when children are showing symptoms, as it is designed to detect the virus when children are asymptomatic (no symptoms).

- A new cough
- A temperature of 37.8 or above
- Loss of taste or smell

I have included a table below if you are not sure whether your child is able to come to school.

Covid Situation	What should I do?	Can my child still attend school?
My child has symptoms	Get them a PCR test not a lateral flow test	Keep them at home until you get a negative result. School will need to see this test result prior to them returning. If you can't get a PCR then they must isolate for 10 days.
Someone in our household has symptoms but not my child	Nothing, as long as your child has no symptoms you do not need to do anything.	Yes
My child tests positive on a lateral flow test	Your child needs to isolate for 10 days. They can be released early on day 6 if they test negative on day 5 and 6 on a lateral flow device and do not have a temperature. The day that you take the test is classed as day 0. School will require evidence of negative day 5 and 6 in order for the child to return on day 6. They should not be tested before day 5. It is likely that a positive lateral flow can be a very faint line, if you are unsure you should take a cautious approach and book a PCR test.	No
Someone in our household has tested positive on a PCR or lateral flow device	Your whole family are close contacts, the government advise that all close contacts should test on a lateral flow test daily for 7 days. You may be able to access a PCR test but these are limited for close contacts who are not critical workers.	Yes, as long as they are negative they can attend school. If you can't get tests then your child can still attend school as long as they have no symptoms.
Someone in school has tested positive and I have received notification that my child is a close contact.	The government advise that all close contacts should test on a lateral flow test daily for 7 days. You may be able to access a PCR test but these are limited for close contacts who are not critical workers.	Yes, as long as they are negative they can attend school. If you can't get tests then your child can still attend school as long as they have no symptoms.

Kind regards
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