



HELP TO AVOID SPREADING COVID-19

We are all aware of the Government's concerns about a rise in Covid-19 cases. Just a reminder:

- ◆ Please keep to the social distancing of 2m apart.
- ◆ Ensure your child has everything they need for the school day to eliminate visits to the office.
- ◆ Use our one-way system around the school (even when it is raining!) when dropping off and picking up your child.

DAY CLOSURES

Our remaining day closures for school year 2020-21 are as follows:

Monday, 12th October 2020
Monday, 16th November 2020
Monday, 4th January 2021
Friday, 25th June 2021

WAYS TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Please note the school office is open from 8.00am. If you need to report your child's absence before that please either use the Parentmail app or our new email address:

absence@swanmoreapps.com

If your child needs further time to recover from illness please let us know on each day of their absence.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS WEDNESDAY, 14th OCTOBER

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to invite parents along to our Harvest Festival this year. However, the celebrations will still be held in class.

As in previous years, we ask for donations of tinned food or packets of food please. This is then passed onto Southampton City Mission for the homeless. This is an opportunity for us to recognise how fortunate we are to have enough to eat, and to be charitable to others who do not.

Thank you for your support.

APPLICATION FOR A SCHOOL PLACE IN YEAR R - SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1st September 2021, they can start school in September 2021.

This year applications for a place in Year R September 2021 can be made online from 1st November 2020

We will let you have more details nearer the time.

In previous years we have held open mornings for new parents to look around the school. Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 precautions we are unable to invite large groups of parents in.

Of course, we very much want to offer parents access to the school and we are currently planning a way we can do this without putting anyone at undue risk. More information will be

KEEPING WARM IN VENTILATED ROOMS

As part of our Covid-19 measures, keeping rooms ventilated is something schools are advised to do. Obviously this is going to make the rooms a lot cooler as we go into the autumn and winter. We will have heating as best as we can to take the chill off, but you may well want your child to have a vest or tights on to help keep warmer too.

DOJO

Let us know if we cannot use your child's photo

You will recall that we are going to continue to use Dojo to share some of the great learning happening in school as well as the occasional reminders about things coming up. Log-ins have been sent to families in a previous letter so please do log in so you don't miss out. When we share the work, we would like to occasionally use children's images too as Dojo is secure to that year group. However, if you'd rather we didn't, please let your class teacher know.

DIARY DATES UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER

Tuesday, 6th October	Y6FM Woods Visit
Wednesday, 7th October	Y6S Woods Visit Y3M Swimming
Thursday, 8th October	2.45pm YR Bell Ringing (YR Parents Invited)
Monday, 12th October	DAY CLOSURE
Wednesday, 14th October	Harvest Celebrations in Class Y3M Swimming
Wednesday, 21st October	Y3M Swimming
Sunday, 25th October	British Summer Time Ends - Clocks go back one hour
Monday, 26th October - Friday, 30th October	HALF TERM
Tuesday, 3rd November	Y6 Visit to Southampton Art Gallery
Wednesday, 4th November	Y3M Swimming
Sunday, 8th November	Remembrance Sunday
Wednesday, 11th November	Y3M Swimming
Friday, 13th November	Individual School Photos
Monday, 16th November	DAY CLOSURE
Tuesday, 17th November	Y3 Visit to Sea City
Wednesday, 18th November	Y3M Swimming
Friday, 20th November	Children's Flu Immunisation for Whole School
Wednesday, 25th November	Y3J Swimming
Wednesday, 2nd December	Y3J Swimming
Week beginning 7th December	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday, 9th December	Y3J Swimming
Wednesday, 16th December	Y3J Swimming
Monday 21st December to Friday, 1st January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday, 4th January 2021	DAY CLOSURE
Tuesday, 5th January	School reopens for the Spring Term

COVID SYMPTOMS

Understandably, we are receiving a lot of calls asking about COVID like symptoms. Whilst we are keen to help, we are obviously not trained medical professionals and can only refer you to the available advice. Here is some information available from the NHS website:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If the children are displaying any one (or more) of these symptoms, they should have a test.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you're worried about your symptoms
- you're not sure what to do

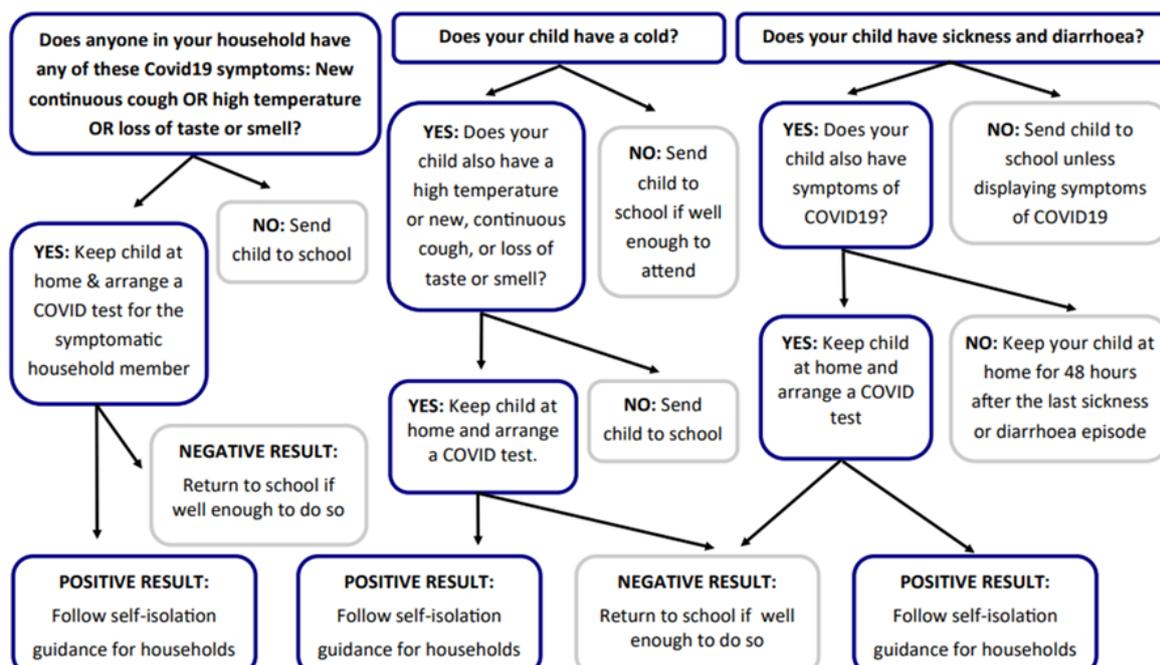
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Call 111 if you cannot get help online. Do not go to places like a GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy.

Cold symptoms come on gradually and can include:

- a blocked or runny nose
- a sore throat
- headaches
- muscle aches
- coughs
- sneezing
- a raised temperature
- pressure in your ears and face
- loss of taste and smell

Should I keep my child at home?



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