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End of spring term

Good morning,

This week is the last week in school for spring term and we will be finishing on Thursday at the end of the children's lunchtimes. I have detailed the times below as a reminder:

- Reception and Year 1 finish at 13:15
- Years 2 & 3 finish at 13:25
- Years 4, 5 & 6 finish at 13:35

If you have more than one child in school, please collect all children at the earliest time as you normally would do at the end of the school day.

Children have settled back into school really well since our return to full attendance on 8th March. Where there has been any anxiety around the start of the school day, we have put some emotional literacy support in place which has been received very positively.

This Thursday at 9:00 we will hold our end of term assembly where there will be special awards given out in each class. Children will receive a certificate which they will be able to bring home. We will be resuming our weekly certificates in our celebration assemblies after Easter, so make space on your fridge!

We have been pleased and are very grateful for the support given to us from St Thomas' church and Passion for Learning who have committed to supporting our families with food hampers over the Easter break.

I wish you all a lovely Easter. This will be our second Easter with coronavirus restrictions, but things will get better!

Mrs L Roberts

Parents evening

Your child's class teacher will be in touch soon as our parents evening is due to take place via Zoom week commencing 19th April. This will be an opportunity for teachers to share with parents where children are against their year group expectations and to set targets going forward.

Teachers will be discussing how your child has settled back into school and how you can support your child with their learning at home. We would like your support in ensuring the children are reading 5 times per week. Think 'strive for five'. All reads should be recorded in your child's reading record regardless of whether they read a book or read using one of our apps such as Bug Club or MyON. This will then support us in giving out prizes at the following points:

- Reception & Key Stage 1—50 reads
- Key Stage 2—100 reads

Prime Minister's Roadmap

Today marks the next step in the PM's roadmap out of lockdown and as a result, we are now allowed to meet one other household outdoors (or 6 people from different households). I know that this will be a welcome change for many and as the high temperatures descend upon us for the next couple of days, a cup of tea in the garden and a natter will be lovely!

Positive cases have increased since the reopening of schools.



Whilst we have not had any in our school since returning to full opening on 8th March, many Cheshire West and Chester schools have seen bubbles close. The current infection rate for our school postcode stands at 182.1 per 100,000 for the seven days up to 23rd March which is well above the national average.

[Link for celebration assembly on Thursday at 9:00](#)

Parents with children at nurseries, schools and colleges

A guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing



Regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles.

Regular rapid testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus and help protect your loved ones and community. It's free and takes around 30 minutes.

Why introduce regular rapid testing?

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

Regular rapid testing is now available for parents of nursery, school children and college students. As well as adults in their households, childcare and support bubbles.

Regular testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Thousands of people who didn't know they had the virus have been able to take action to stop the spread of the disease.

As lockdown restrictions ease, getting into the regular habit of twice weekly testing will play an important role in getting back to normal; alongside the vaccine, following the hands, face, space guidance, and social distancing measures.

Regular testing for school staff and students

Regular rapid testing is already available to all staff at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school or college. And we continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to test themselves at home with test kits they will get from school or college.

Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to be tested as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

What is the benefit to you?

By taking part in regular rapid testing, you'll be protecting yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.



How does it work?

It's a simple swab test you can do at home, school, work or test site, using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD). It takes around 30 minutes to find out if you have the virus.

The test detects viral proteins that are present when someone has Covid-19. Research from Public Health England and Oxford University shows that they pick up the vast majority of people in the most infectious stage of the disease. With up to 1 in 3 people who have the virus showing no symptoms – they could be spreading it without knowing.

Testing should take place twice a week, every three – five days, ideally in the morning. Why not add this to your morning routine?

If you test negative, you can continue to go to work. You should still strictly follow all other government guidelines and avoid all unnecessary contact. If you, your household or bubble test positive, you should all self-isolate immediately. And then the person who has tested positive should also take a confirmatory PCR test and follow latest government guidance.

For more information visit [gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-lateral-flow-antigen-testing-for-people-without-symptoms)



YouTube Introduction to Rapid Lateral Flow testing

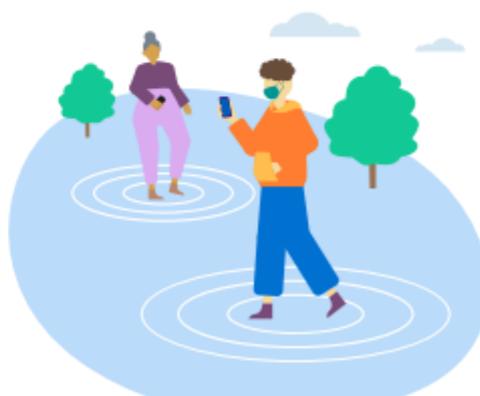


Reporting your test

You should report your results online straight away, even if your result is negative or void. It's easy to do at: [gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result)

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

If you have tested positive, you can also check to see if you are eligible for the £500 Test and Trace Support Payment.



Where can I get tested?

If you are a parent or adult of a household, childcare or support bubble you can either:

1. Get an assisted test at work if it is available.
2. Attend a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.
3. Order a test online to do at home.

To find out how to get a free rapid Covid-19 test visit [gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-school-household-testing)

Regular rapid testing is for those without symptoms of Coronavirus. If you have symptoms, you should continue to book through [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)