



16th October 2020 Newsletter

October	
Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd	Training days – school closed to children
Half Term Monday 26th October –Friday 30th October	
November	
Tuesday 16th November and Thursday 18th November	CHANGE TO DATES: 3.30- 6.30pm Virtual parent consultation meetings will be held with your child's class teacher. Further details will follow nearer the time.
Tuesday 3rd	The Flu Nasal Immunisation. Please remember to sign up if you would like your child to receive this. (Further details are below)
Wednesday 4th	Parent Open Sessions 10am & 1.30pm for prospective Reception at Downs View and prospective Year 3 parent/carers at Kennington
Monday 23rd	Parent Open Sessions 10am & 1.30pm for prospective Reception at Downs View and year 3 parent/carers at Kennington

We are so proud of all the children who have settled back into school and all our new reception children who have joined us this term. We would like to thank all the parents/carers for their continued support and for following all of our new guidelines that have been implemented to keep everyone safe and the school open.

Have a very happy half term. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd November. Mrs Kent

Covid-19 Symptoms during half term break



If your child develops any Covid-19 Symptoms over the half-term holiday period you should book a test on line by calling 119, following the flow chart below. It is also important that you inform the school via the school email 'office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk@', in order that we can activate any track and trace procedures that are deemed necessary.

Quarantine Arrangements

If you are planning to travel abroad during the half-term break to one of the countries on the Government's quarantine list, you must self-isolate for 14 days on your return and inform the school office either by email or telephone that your child will not be able to attend school. Please check the Government website, GOV.UK and search for - Coronavirus Covid-19 travel corridors - for further information and an up to date list of countries

Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation

The Flu Nasal Immunisation will be taking place in school on 3rd November 2020. Please remember to sign up if you would like your child to receive this, the portal for this will close on 31/10/2020. The portal can be accessed on line at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/>, the school URN number is 118523.

Dare to be Different Day

It was lovely to see all the different outfits and hairstyles of both children and staff in school today. The Friends would like to thank parents/carers for taking part and for all your donations. They will be counting up all of your kind donations over the half term and we will announce the total funds raised in the next newsletter.

Individual and Family Photographs

These can be ordered and paid for on line or returned to the school office in the envelope provided with the payment by the 5th November 2020.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020



We are supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. We have a selection of items available including zip pulls, reflectors, silicon wristbands and snap bands. There will be a box available for each year group and this will be on sale from Monday 2nd November.

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://nhs.uk/nidirect) 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