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Hello all, what a great first few weeks back!

Next week there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher virtually. Please read the information on how we need you to access the meetings.

At the end of the summer we sent out a 'Ready, Steady, Go' Pixmore Pack. It is also on our website. This is particular to Pixmore and I understand that processes may be different in each school.

There is a section about illness in the booklet but I appreciate that perhaps the illness procedure needs to be more explicit in current circumstances. We will update this in accordance with Government guidance.

At Pixmore, the layout of the school is such that we are using the year group bases and minimising the circulation of children throughout the school.

- Our first aid base is now the craft room, as the original first aid base is sited in the middle of the school. The craft room can be accessed from the outside of the school so if any child feels ill, shows symptoms or has a high temperature during the course of the school day, we have set aside part of the Craft room to be used for first aid/ quarantine base for illnesses.
Where possible we may keep them outside dependent on the weather.
- First aid injuries (bumps and scrapes) are being administered by staff assigned to the year group outside or in the Year group area, rather than the first aid room. Head letters will be issued and all accidents are being written up after playtimes so we are keeping a record of incidents.
- In the event that your child is ill (with any illness symptoms, not just those linked with COVID 19), we ask that you do not bring them into school.
Ring the office to inform us of any absence due to illness.
- If your child is unwell in school parents/carers will be called immediately to collect your child, which you will be able to do from the fire exit door of the Craft Room (which is located around the back of the school before you reach the Year 6 doors) or by the playground gates.
Please ensure that your contact details on ParentMail & with the school are up to date so that we can contact you quickly if needed.
- You will be told where to go by the office staff when you confirm that you are picking up.



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- At the moment with rising infection rates, you can appreciate the need to err on the side of caution until further notice. So if a child returns to school after being absent with an illness and is still unwell or complains of feeling unwell, we will ask you to collect the child. If your child exhibits any COVID symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell) then we would ask you to get a test. This is different from our usual approach of asking you to bring medication in to get them through the day but please bear with us.
- At Pixmore we have several teaching staff who have only just returned from 'shielding' in August as they are clinically vulnerable and at high risk, as well as some high risk children, so we are also trying to ensure their health and well-being as well. We will be erring on the side of caution in order to prevent closing classes or whole year groups.
- The following poster may also clarify this further.
- If you are a keyworker for Hertfordshire County Council you can now access testing over in Harpenden by completing a referral form which your line manager can issue you with online.

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://nidirect.gov.uk)/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

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