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Sickness

If your child is unwell and not attending school please telephone us on the first day of their sickness to let us know.

Please refer to the guidance on our website at:
https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/40/docletter/2020100102044351_Parent_Carer_Information_mobile_device.pdf

IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS YOU MUST NOTIFY SCHOOL ASAP.

These symptoms include

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature/fever
- A loss of or change in your sense of smell or taste

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- The member of the household should book a Covid-19 test.
- Household self-isolates.
- INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY OF TEST

RESULT.

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic person's result is negative and they haven't been advised to self isolate by the PHA contact tracing service.

It is vital that all families follow this guidance to ensure we can keep our full school community safe.

Where a pupil displays gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhoea or vomiting they must not attend school until they have been symptom free for 2 days.

Dinner Money

Dinner money must be sent to the school office in a plastic food bag/money bag on a **Monday for the week ahead, clearly labelled with your child's name and the days he/she is eating dinner.** Bank transfers can also be arranged to pay for school dinners.

Face coverings

Thanks so much for your co-operation so far, you have all been fantastic! We continue to

ask parents to wear a face covering if they have made an appointment to meet a teacher. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building if they have not made an appointment.



Homework

Homework is now up and running! This will work on a two weekly basis to allow quarantine time for books and limit the demand for device usage. There was a slight change to P1's homework schedule but the plan going forward is:

Week 1 remote Homework: Mrs Young/Miss Sayers, Mrs Connor and Mrs Timoney.

Week 1 written Homework: Mr Potts and Mrs McCusker/ Mrs Hay.

Week 2 remote Home-

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Mr Potts and Mrs McCusker/
Mrs Hay.

Week 2 written Homework:

Mrs Young/Miss Sayers, Mrs
Connor and Mrs Timoney.

September Superstars

All of our amazing pupils settled in really well to school life and were able to follow the 'new normal' extremely well. We did have some Pupil of the Month awards given to pupils for some excellent work throughout their first month back at school. They were:

Hannah in Mrs Young and Miss Sayers' class

Niamh in Mrs Connor's class

Lilyanna in Mrs McCusker/
Mrs Hay's class

Yazmin in Mr Potts' class

Matthew C in Mrs Timoney's class

MyOn

Some of our pupils have already received their passwords this week for our new online book resource MyOn. Any children still waiting for their password will receive it next week in their homework packs. We hope this continues to encourage our pupils to read as much as possible and reach all of their AR targets!

The family guide for more information is available on our website at <https://www.donemanaps.com/news/321722-myon-parent->

and-family-guide/

Checklist

We would encourage all parents and pupils to carry out a checklist of procedures before leaving the house in the morning and again when returning home. Please make sure your child's hands have been thoroughly washed and sanitised as well as continuing to reinforce the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' routine. Also, when possible, we ask that you continue to monitor your child's temperature.

**Harvest Assembly**

We plan to deliver a virtual Harvest Assembly this year which will be available on our school website before the half term holidays. This will involve each class performing a harvest celebration and a whole school song. Watch this space!

Reminder: School will be closed for half term holidays from Wednesday 28th October and will resume as normal on Thursday 5th November.

Data Collection and Photograph permission

We have a number of data collection forms and photo permission forms still outstanding. A number of reminders have been sent via the App. If you have not yet completed these forms please do so ASAP. It is vitally important that we have up to date contact details, which we get from the Data Collection form.

**Temperature checks**

We would like to thank you all for your cooperation and patience during morning temperature checks.

As the weather is now becoming colder, we plan to check pupils' temperatures at their usual entrance points in the school building. We would ask that parents remain waiting at the pedestrian gate for a few minutes to confirm your child's entry into school.

Parent Interviews

Due to the current rise in cases of Covid-19, parent interviews will this year be conducted by telephone at the end of October. Booking a time for your appointment

will be done through our App and you will receive notification when bookings are open.

PTFA

During these times of continued limited funding to schools and extra costs associated with the current Pandemic, fund raising is going to be even more important than normal for our school. If you would like to join our newly formed PTFA (Parents, teachers and Friends Association) as either a committee member or as someone willing to help out please go to http://www.parentkind.org.uk/register_member.aspx. The group membership number is 120124.



If you are shopping online please join easyfundraising at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/donemanaps/> And we will receive a small donation for each time you shop with certain retailers.



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We also still have our recycling bank which can be accessed after 3.30pm any day.

Learning For The Month

All classes will continue to focus on health and well being as well as respiratory hygiene. Other things we will be covering:

P1: Literacy: s,a,t,i,p,n (jolly phonics sounds) Introduction to key words– I, the, and, was. Letter formation.
Numeracy: Numbers 0-5, sorting and 2D shapes.
WAU: Hey Hey Look at me and Julia Donaldson book studies

P2/3: Literacy: Keyword revision, spelling shed, letter formation and adding s/es.
Numeracy: Number Bonds to 10/20, addition/missing numbers, time.
WAU– All About Me!

P4/5: Literacy: Punctuation, capital letters, full stops and question marks. Creative writing and 'George's Marvellous Medicine (novel study)
Numeracy: Shape, Data handling, Place Value and addition skills.
WAU: Passport to Europe (map work)

P5/6: Literacy: Letter writing and emails. Comprehension, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.
Class Novel: 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

Numeracy: Time, subtraction (Decomposition) Short Multiplication, x10, x100, x1000, Problem Solving-duration.

ICT: Using C2k, Myon and Google classroom.

WAU: In the News

P7: Literacy: story writing, newspaper reports, facts and opinions, metaphors, similes, personification and speech marks.

Numeracy: perimeter, area, mode, median and range.
Shape, angles and multiplication.

WAU: Superheroes and influential people.

