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RE: NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a busy first nine days with children enjoying being together and getting stuck back into their learning so that they can keep up with their age related expectations. Although we are unable to physically be together as a school family, we are having Zoom assemblies so that we can still feel the togetherness of the Heathfield family. I know some parents joined the 'Meet the Teacher' Zoom and found this useful.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Last week we trialled children coming to school in their PE kits. This worked really well – **children were able to spend their entire PE lesson being active** rather than spending time changing into their kits. On colder days, children can wear black track suit bottoms and can wear their Heathfield Jumper. Also, in trying to keep children healthy, can I remind parents about the importance of children having a variety of food in their packed lunch boxes. Crisps and chocolate bars are not allowed.



BIKE RACKS

You may have noticed that we have installed some new bike racks where the shed used to be on the allotment area at the front of school. The bike racks were purchased by the PATH group – Parents and Teachers of Heathfield. **A massive thank you to the PATH team.** We are going to trial the bike racks with Year 4. From tomorrow, Year 4 children are able to come to school on their bike/scooter. **Children must not ride their bikes/scooters on the school grounds.** Parents and children must continue to follow the one way system, this will mean walking around the school to lock up their bike and then re-joining the one way system. Alternatively, parents/carers can lock it up once they have dropped off their child. Once we know the system works, we will open this up to other year groups.



HIGH SCHOOL PLACES

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the closing date for secondary school places is 31st October 2020.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/secondary-school-places>

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

As you know we are trying to reduce the amount of items brought from home which unfortunately means children are unable to bring in sweets/cakes to celebrate their birthday. Despite this, we will endeavour to recognise the occasion ensuring an enjoyable day!

PARKING

Walking and cycling to school is always the best method but we know that for some parents this is not possible. Thank you to the parents that use the Church Car Park or park further away from school to avoid driving up Henniker Road. I know this appreciated by staff and parents – so thank you. There are a small number of cars that are parked on the double yellow lines and/or Yellow Zig Zags. **For the safety of everyone in the Heathfield family, I urge you not to do this. Thank you.**



CHILD ABSENCE

Thank you to parents/carers that phone/email school to report absences. This really is appreciated. If your child is ill (non – COVID related), please remember to contact school each morning of the child's absence.

COMMUNICATION

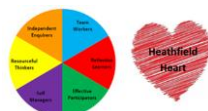
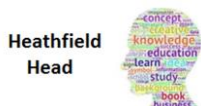


Clear communication with parents has always been vital and important to me as headteacher but even more so during the current pandemic. As you know, we have been using the events@ email during lockdown. This email address is being closed down at the end of today and replaced with parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk This email address can be used to contact myself and teachers. The usual office email should be used for all other questions, including attendance. (office@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk)

During this time, some children will need to be off school for a number of COVID related reasons, most likely because they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. This is unavoidable but we need to be proactive and ensure that we can still provide learning to the children. There will be further information coming out about our 'Remote Learning' offer but in the meantime, if we do not have your email address, please could you send to the parents@ email. **Your email address will not be passed on to anyone else, including other parents.** When sending your email address please put the full name and year group of your child(ren) and we will update our records. Thank you.

PARENT GOVERNOR





Are you committed to making Heathfield the best school in Bolton? Are you willing to ask questions and give support and challenge to school leaders to ensure the highest standard of education? Then why not become a parent governor. Becoming a governor is a very rewarding and worthwhile experience. For me, having a parent's knowledge and insight is invaluable when considering school improvements. Email, parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk if you would like to be sent an application. **I look forward to receiving your applications**







QUESTIONNAIRE

Parents' views and opinions are really important – we are here to provide the best possible education for your children so it is important that we know what we are good at what we need to work on. Please complete the questionnaire on the following link (it will take about 1 minute) and I will feedback the responses. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WTPBVL5>

A USEFUL COVID GUIDE

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: [1](#)

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M D Thornley

Headteacher

