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Dear Parent and Carers,

As we come to the end of another week, I want to thank you again for all your support with the return to school. The children have been amazing and have settled back into school even better than we could have hoped!

Children's illnesses, Covid and getting a test

It is the season for runny noses and sore throats but these are not COVID –19 Symptoms. If your child is not well with those sort of symptoms, keep them at home until they feel well enough to return to school.

These are the 3 main symptoms of coronavirus:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

You will need to get a test if your child has one or more of these symptoms.

It is the law that the whole family needs to isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result comes back if a member of the household has one of these symptoms.

A child (or adult) who has tested positive needs to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. They can come out of isolation and go back to school on day 11 if they have been free from fever for 48 hours. After 10 days a person is no longer infectious. The rest of the family must isolate for 14 days.

Getting a test is proving difficult for some people but we urge you to keep trying as more are being released every couple of hours. However, if you do not manage to get a test within 5 days of the onset of the symptoms or your child refuses a test, the child will need to isolate for 10 days. A negative test result is not required to allow your child to go back to school after the isolation period of 10 days.

Contact the school if you are not sure.

If anyone in the household has symptoms listed above, the whole family must isolate for 14 days. You can only leave the house to get a test. This is the law.

Library Books



At Clover Hill we are still missing 160 library books from the start of lockdown when we sent children home with a few extra books. Names are on the system but we encourage you to send your child into school with these books before we send individual letters home. These books will be quarantined and go back into use. Please have a good hunt round as the library is looking a little bare in places!

Parent Consultation Meetings

Thank you so much for your positive communications about needing to hold these meetings virtually. We are very happy to have these meetings in whichever way suits you, so Zoom if you're comfortable with this or over the phone if you'd prefer.

The meetings will be arranged with your child's class teacher and will be held in the two weeks before half term. A selection of dates and times will be sent to you to choose from.

You will be experienced with Tapestry and Class Dojo (just year 2) by now and hopefully are enjoying seeing some of your child's work and other activities. This will be a good way of showing you how your child is doing in school and can help inform your parent meeting.



Term dates

Half term

This year half term holiday is a little longer than usual - we finish school on Wednesday 21st October at 3.15pm and back in school Monday 2nd November.

Christmas

Christmas – we break up on Friday 18th December and return on Monday 4th January 2021.

Please be aware that if you go abroad you may need to quarantine for 14 days afterwards. Bearing in mind all the time children had off during lockdown, this is not to be encouraged.

The school will not be authorising holidays in term time either.

Take care and stay safe

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