



Friday 5th November 2021 Newsletter

November Value of the month: Patience

Waiting for something or someone, when doing something difficult.
Welcome back to Term 2. It's lovely to have everyone back.



Primary School Admissions for September 2022

Most children start school at the start of the school year following their fourth birthday. They can't start school before this. Unless you decide to educate your child at home, your child must start school by the school term following their fifth birthday. You can apply for a primary or infant school place starting September 2022 for a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. For more information and to apply for a place please visit:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2022.

Attendance and illness

School attendance is mandatory. We know there are lots of colds and illness around at the moment but we still need to make sure we are following government guidance. Public Health England and the Government's Chief Medical & Scientific Officers agree that there is a very low risk and rate of severe illness in children from COVID-19. School is the best place for your child to be. With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, children are now able to enjoy more freedom in their education. Being at school keeps children's education on track, so they can achieve their full potential, while also benefitting their mental and physical health and wellbeing.

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste):

- They should not attend school and should stay at home.
- You should arrange for them to get a PCR test (an in-person test if possible, not a postal test) and inform us of the result.
- Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better.
- If the test is negative, they should return to school as normal.
- If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

Covid 19 Results: If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) please let the school know. You **MUST** book them in straight away for a PCR test to confirm if they have Covid.



When your child has had their PCR test result, please contact the school office to inform us immediately with the results so that we can update our records.

What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has been identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test. They will **not** have to self-isolate whilst they await the result of the PCR test **unless** they develop symptoms; they will need to isolate if they have a positive PCR test.

Bikes and Scooters

Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are walked into school once children are through the school gates. This is for safety reasons as before and after school can get very busy with both cars and pedestrians.



Important message from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Dear parents/carers,

With Halloween and Bonfire night soon upon us, it is important that your child understands how they can help keep themselves safe. Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have produced this sway [Halloween and Bonfire Night \(office.com\)](#) (which can be opened on any device with internet connection) which you can use with your child to aid discussion in how to stay safe near fireworks, bonfires and other flame sources. There is also the chance to enter a free prize draw for a VIP trip to a DWFRS fire station! (Ts& Cs apply – see sway for details)

We encourage you to talk to your child about safety at this time of year and use this resource to aid you and remind you of the main safety advice. [Halloween and Bonfire Night \(office.com\)](#)

Thank you, good luck if your child enters the prize draw and have a happy and safe half term break. Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 9 th Nov	School photos
Monday 15 th Nov	Odd Socks Day to launch Anti-bullying week
Friday 19 th Nov	Children In need day. Non uniform and bring a donation
Wednesday 8 th Dec	Christmas dinner
Friday 10 th Dec	Panto Aladdin & Save the Children Christmas jumper day
Friday 17 th Dec	Wear your Christmas jumper instead of your school jumper! End of term2

