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SHAFTESBURY NEWS

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PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY/ELECTION 2020

We have a parent governor vacancy here at Shaftesbury. This is a great opportunity to help and support your child's school and to gain insight on how the school is run.

If any parents are interested or would like to nominate someone, letters with the election details and nomination forms have been emailed out.

Paper copies are also available from the school office.

Please send in nominations, no later than **Wednesday 23rd September 2020**.

FACE COVERINGS

First of all, I'd like to say a big thank you to all of our wonderful parents and carers out there for supporting us with our 'new normal'. I have received some very positive comments on how well our new times and systems are working. You are all part of this and it shows our parents and carers understand the importance of social distancing, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times. I really appreciate the overwhelming support shown for school at this time.

You may have seen an article in the Leicester Mercury urging parents and carers to wear face masks at the school gates: <https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/leicester-parents-told-wear-masks-4522035>. This is following the change in guidance from the World Health Organisation (WHO). Both Leicester and Leicestershire Councils *are now actively urging parents to wear face-covering when dropping off and picking up children from school*. *The wearing of face coverings in congested areas and where unable to consistently maintain social distancing is seen as an effective measure to reduce the spread of the virus.*

Whilst our set up allows for appropriate social distancing, I would encourage parents and carers to consider this additional precaution in order to keep the virus out of Shaftesbury. I know some parents are already taking this extra measure which seems sensible with rising infection rates and over 30 schools in Leicester alone with positive cases. I feel in this situation that it is definitely better to be safe than sorry. It is in everyone's best interests to follow the rules so that we can beat this outbreak together. Most parents and carers have now got into good routines around dropping off inside the 10 minute window before the official start time for their year group. However, I have noticed that there are some children arriving late; it is essential that they are here on time so that we do not mix class bubbles. School times are as follows:

Year 4: 8.30am-2.15pm Year 3: 9.00am-2.45pm,
Year 5: 9.30am-3.15pm Year 6: 10.00am-3.45pm

Thank you.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

3S: 95.0% 5S: 90.1%
3W: 96.8% 5J: 87.1%
4K: 89.9% 6P: 93.0%
4G: 91.5% 6T: 92.4%

**Overall Attendance from
01.09.20 to 18.09.20: 91.9%**

WOW AWARDS

3S: Xin Yu 5S: Joshua
3W: Ehab 5J: Nomi
4K: Manuel 6P: Weronika
4G: Abdusalaam 6T: Mariem

FLOW CHART

Guidance for parents when children have a cough

Is the cough a new, continuous cough? – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more prolonged coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

Yes

No

Do they have a temperature?

Not prolonged as defined

They can come to school and no test needed.

Yes

No

No

YES

- The child stays off and needs a test, they should remain off until the result comes back. Let the school know the result asap.
- Siblings should go home to isolate too.
- If negative and temperature is back to normal they can return with a cough.
- If positive they should isolate for 10 days from the start of the symptoms and rest of household should isolate for 14 days.

No

Do they have a sore throat, runny nose or sinus congestion? Very likely to be cold related, check the cough fits the defined for prolonged if yes remain off school and get a test. If no they can come to school.

No

Could it be it hayfever related? If yes, try antihistamine medication. If cough eases with medication then they can return and no test needed.