

Notice to Great Wood Parents - September 9th, 2020

We have been back in school for a week now and want to say thank you to parents for helping follow the Covid Guidance leading to a smooth start to the school year for the children.

As the parallel classes in each year group have to share toilets and sinks, it is easier organisationally and the Education Minister's guidance has moved from 'class bubbles' to 'group bubbles', from Monday 14th September each **year group** will be considered a bubble. This does mean if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 for a child or staff, the year group would have to be tested and isolate rather than just the class.

Unfortunately, as the greatest risk is adult to adult contact and we are already busy on the pavements with the staggered start and end times, there is no change to these.

6P	Acorn, 2S, 4H	1R, 3HoR, 5C	Chestnut, 2H, 4F	1V, 3HuR, 5F	6L
8:40am	8:45am	8:50am	8:55am	9:00am	9:05am
3:00pm	3:05pm	3:10pm	3:15pm	3:20pm	3:25pm

Arriving early can mean those coming on time have to weave their way through early parents so please arrive from your time. If you arrive by car, stay in the car until the correct time. However, it is better you are spaced out in school grounds rather than crowding the pavement – so in reception, early Chestnut parents should wait on the left of the EYFS area allowing Acorn parents through, Year 1 on the astro-turf, Years 2-3 outside the link corridor and Years 4-6 are better spaced out in the playground rather than crowding the pavement.

During the pandemic, we had to identify children within 2m for more than 15 minutes, but when children were 1m apart it was only up to one minute. Parents can be close as they pass but parents who wait for longer than a minute, please keep good distance from each other.

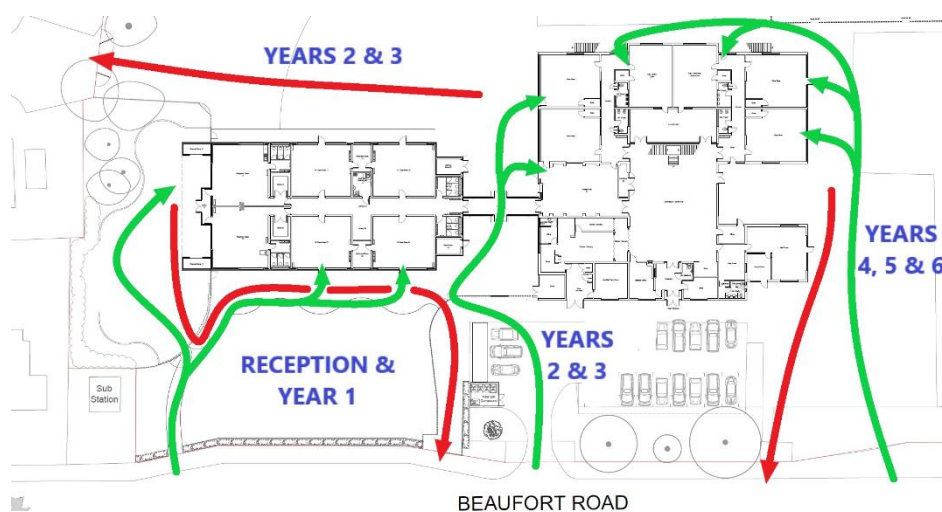
Safety guidance for adults is 2m distance OR 1m Plus (wearing a mask)

Year 2 and 3 parents pulled the shortest straw as they have to cross over grass to Huntley Close. The rubber matting is helping but doesn't seem a long term solution and we have our thinking caps on. Year 3 have now worked out that both classes have similar titles 3HoR for Hoggarth Ross (Mr G Ross teaches W, TH, F) and 3HuR for Hudson Ross (Mr G Ross teaches Mondays.)

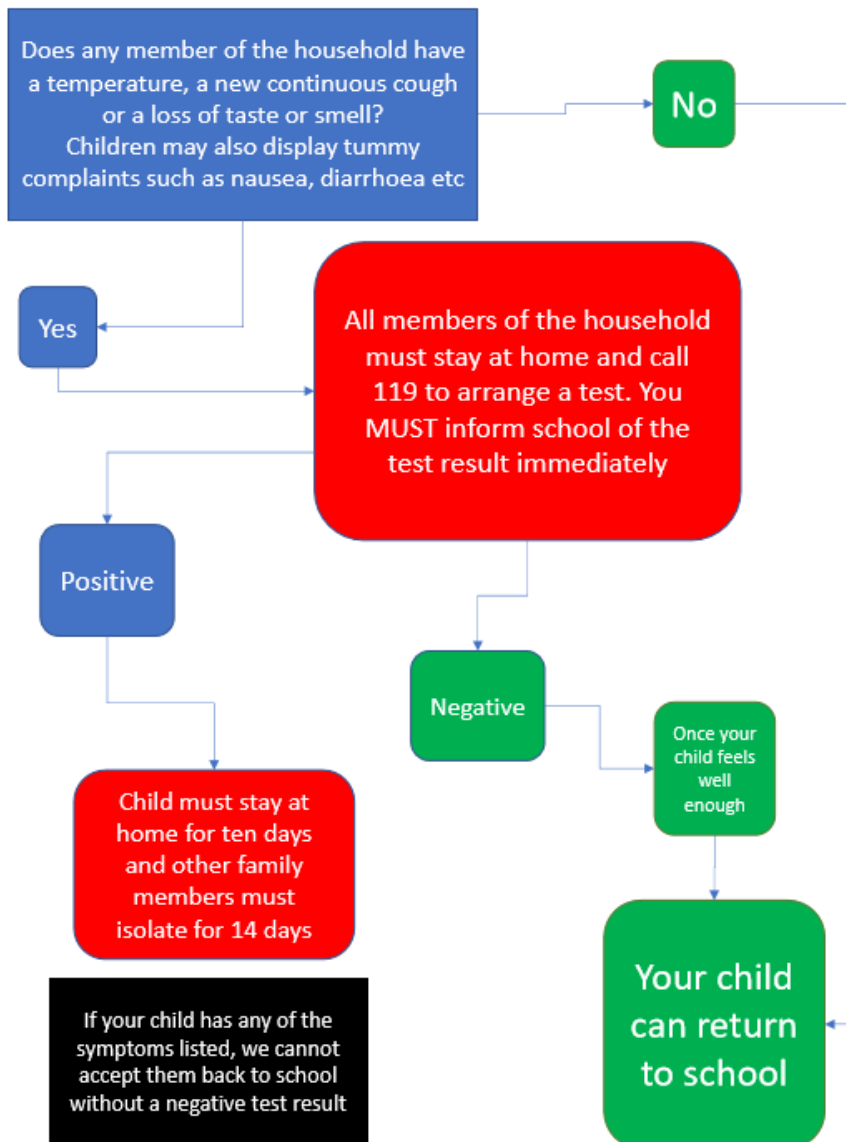
Now Infant children are provided with fruit each day so no snacks from home are allowed. Juniors are allowed either fruit or a cereal bar for morning break. Unfortunately, School Council can't sell flapjack.

Please remember only to visit the school office in an emergency. Please don't bring forgotten PE kits etc. as bubbles have to broken to

deliver them. Use telephone and office@greatwood.lancs.sch.uk for messages.



COVID Procedures for parents



Everyone seems healthy at the moment but we all need to be prepared for if there is an illness. Here is a procedure chart that another school created using the guidance. On the BBC News website an epidemiologist and practising GP said, “If your child has any symptoms, they’re going to have to stay off school (until they can be tested.) In the past there’s been a tendency to say, you can have some Calpol, maybe you can go in. But there’s going to have to be a sea-change in how parents behave with their children.”

To remind you those symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

According to the NHS website, most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If your child has a pre-existing medical condition, please get information about this in writing to school and give consent for the school nurse to

review your child’s medical notes so that we can be prepared.

We are hoping not to have to send children home and each class has a hand held thermometer to help with decisions. If a child does have to be picked up, please be reminded that we introduced a sign in and sign out system in the foyer. As it is touch screen, there is sanitiser at hand.

Usually we are supportive when asked to distribute treats to celebrate birthdays. As it is hard enough for staff to get everyone sanitised and to their parents in the short time frame, and because things from home are to be quarantined for 24 hours we will NOT be doing this at the moment. Please don’t be offended.

The pupil email addresses that were used during lockdown will be closed at the end of September. They were linked to classes so can’t be reused. Please forward any messages you want to keep.

Our plan for parents evening will involve all parents waiting outside the building – details will follow. Our plans will always be subject to change due to changes in government guidance.

Thank you; this too will pass!