



Newsletter

6th November 2020

**Shute Primary
School**

Attendance Up to this week 96.74%

Target 95%

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a nice half-term and were able to get out and about before lockdown began this week on Thursday. The children have all come back to school this week ready to learn and it has been a productive week. As the parentmail mentioned on Monday, I have taken on a larger teaching role and will be Badger class teacher every morning moving forward. This means I won't be outside on a morning to greet you but will be available most afternoons if you would like to talk to me about anything. I hope you all saw the parentmail this morning but if you didn't I have included the information below that was sent out. Finally, we will be sending out a newsletter every two weeks now which is in line with other Devon Moors schools. Any important information will continue to be sent out daily via parentmail.

Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Germscheid

Changes to school routines in light of the second lockdown

I wanted to inform you of the small but vital changes we are making to our school day in light of the new lockdown. It is important that we continue to think about the safety of all adults and children.

1. All visitors and parents we are asking you to please wear a mask, this includes for pick up and drop off of children. (Exempt people please let us know via admin) If you notice a parent not wearing a mask, please be supportive and understanding of their reasons not to. Children do not need to wear a mask.
2. Staff who are on duty at the gates or who you will see at a distance of 2 m or less will be wearing a mask. This is because we know that adult to adult transmission is a high risk.
3. Only one parent can drop off or pick up. This to minimise the number of people who are on site at any one time.
4. Please stick rigidly to the drop off and pick up times. The times are as follows: Morning drop off for KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) and their KS1 siblings 8.40-8.45am and morning drop off for KS1/Early Years is 8.55-9.00 am. Afternoon pick up is at 3.15pm for KS1/Early Years and their KS2 siblings and at 3.25pm for KS2 children. We ask that the children do not play after school on the school grounds. Leave the site as swiftly as possible, follow one way systems and please follow the social distance guidelines thinking about other parents and families.

5. Communicate to Mrs Haysom any urgent, on the day matters, or via the admin email. 6. Remember that we are keeping classrooms ventilated so extra layers are essential, especially as the temperature is dropping. We do have fleeces that can be ordered in.

Thank you for your support on this. We know that there have been some cases locally of children and staff getting Covid and we all want to continue to do our part to stay safe.

Message from Devon County Council
Consultation on our Admissions policy for 2022-23

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2022-23. We are consulting on this between 1 November and 8 January and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish. You will see where there are changes, the text is in red – either something we propose to add or, if it has a line through it, something we propose to remove.

One of the proposals is to add children who have been adopted from state care outside of England to our oversubscription criterion 1. This is in anticipation that the Department for Education will require this change for all schools as it has just consulted on changes to the School Admissions Code. It is possible that the Department's timescales may mean that the Code is not amended before the end of February, when we have to formally set our policy. If that is the case, we may have to determine our policy without that change and then alter it later in spring or summer. We are bringing it to your attention though as a change in policy that we expect to have to introduce.

Other than changes in red and dates moving forward a year, the way our policy will work is the same as in the previous year, 2021-22 which you can also see below.

If you have any comments, you can make them to Devon County Council which is co-ordinating the consultation. Further information is at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. You will be able to view the proposed policies for all state-funded schools in Devon and the Local Authorities policies there too.

The consultation ends on 8 January and all policies must be determined by 28 February and published in the same places by 15 March.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS
PRESENTS
MATHS WEEK England
9TH-14TH NOVEMBER
ROCK OUT 2020
PRIZES TO BE WON

- ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE
- PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE
- WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL
- ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS OR VISIT: TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/MATHSWEEKENGLAND2020

Before School Club

Mrs Sandman will be running the before school club every morning. If you would like your child to attend for the first time, please contact Mrs Haysom, email admin@shute-primary.org.uk for further details.

Inhalers and other medication:

Please ensure that we have a new medical form for the new school year and in date medication in school, should your child need regular or emergency medication in school. Please see Mrs Haysom to fill out a form. We are only able to give prescribed medicine and selected Over the Counter Medicine to children and all prescribed medicine must come in the container/box it was prescribed in. Green medical forms can be requested from Mrs Haysom, please complete and hand in to her with your child's medicine.

Mindfulness Club

After half-term mindfulness will stop and resume in the Spring/Summer term.

Free School Meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

There are 4 elements to pupil premium:

1. Free school meal eligibility
2. service children
3. adopted from care, special guardianship order and residence order
4. children in care

Any qualifying family that registers their eligibility (based on the free school meal criteria) will help raise pupil premium money for the school. For 2020-21, the additional funding will be £1,345 for a primary school, for each registered child.

Do I need to apply for pupil premium? (based on free school meal criteria)

You only need to apply if you have a child in reception, year 1 or year 2 and both of the following apply:

- you do not have an existing free school meal claim
- you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits (see [School meals](#) for a list of the qualifying benefits).

How to apply

Through the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Sickness

In line with NHS and Department of Education guidelines, children should not come into school for at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

School lunches

Reminder that the cost of school meals for pupils aged 3-4 (In Squirrels FSU) and in Year 3 and above is £2.50 per day. Lunch money should be paid in advance via ParentPay. Orders must be placed the Thursday before the week lunches are required.

Illness and Absence

If your child is absent from school, you are requested to contact the school office before 9.15am. As required by our Safeguarding Policy if the administration team have not heard from you by early morning they will contact you to establish why your child is not in school. If we are unable to establish contact we may have to report this to the School Education Welfare Officer.

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment in school time, please complete the S2 form which can be found on the school website. <https://shuteprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2019/03/S2-October-2018.pdf> or ask Mrs Haysom for one prior to the absence.

If a child is late, he or she must be signed in by a parent or carer, they must follow the instructions in the entrance and use the intercom to alert the office and a member of staff will come and let you in to sign them in.

Persistent lateness has a negative impact on learning and we support families to ensure all children arrive in good time. A letter or email must be sent to school with the child on their return to school and for any planned medical appointments.

Diary Dates:

October 26 th -30 th	Half Term
2.11.20	Autumn Second half term starts

Schools advice to parents and carers

Keeping our children, schools and communities safe

Currently only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to get tested:

A high temperature

OR new, continuous cough

OR loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Visit the 111 [online symptom checker](#) and [check the government website](#) for changes to testing guidance.

People without COVID-19 symptoms don't need to get tested, unless asked to by a health professional, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive. Close contacts should isolate for 14 days and only get tested if they develop COVID-19 symptoms.

Stay up to date with the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) advice in Devon at devon.cc/covid-19 and sign up to receive updates at devon.cc/connectme

What if...	You need to...	Return to school...
My child has COVID-19 symptoms?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school they have COVID-19 symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get your child tested and tell school the result. • Self-isolate whole household while waiting for test result (If unable to get a test, child must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started and rest of household must self-isolate for 14 days) 	if your child's test result is negative and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours.
My child tests positive for COVID-19?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school test result</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolate your child for 10 days from when their symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms). • Self isolate your whole household for 14 days from when your child's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone else in the household tests negative during that time. 	after completing 10 days self-isolation and they feel completely well. They should be without a high temperature for at least 24 hours. They can return to school even with a cough or loss/change of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.

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What if...	You need to...	Return to school...
Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school a household member has COVID-19 symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household member with symptoms should get tested. Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result (if unable to get a test, household member with symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started and rest of household must self-isolate for 14 days). 	when the household member's test result is negative, and your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school test result</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from when this person's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone else in the household tests negative during that time. 	when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
NHS Test and Trace identifies my child as a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive for COVID-19?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self isolate your child for 14 days (even if they test negative during that time). Rest of household doesn't need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too. 	when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
We have travelled and must self-isolate due to quarantine rules?	<p>Keep your child at home and tell school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household members that travelled must self-isolate for 14 days, even if someone tests negative in that time. Please do not take unauthorised leave during term, and consider quarantine requirements and government advice when booking travel. 	when your child has completed 14 days self-isolation (even if they test negative during that time) and does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
We receive advice from a medical/ official source that my child must resume shielding?	<p>Keep your child at home and contact school to discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shield your child until you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again. 	when you are told that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again.
My child has a runny/ stuffy nose or sore throat, but does not have COVID-19 symptoms	<p>Think about whether your child is well enough to go to school or not</p>	If you think your child is well enough, and they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. Use the NHS111 symptom checker if you're not sure

For a more accessible version of this information please visit devon.cc/covid19-school-absence and if you require this information in another format or language please email communications@devon.gov.uk

Symptoms checker

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Symptoms	COVID-19 Mild to severe	Cold Gradual onset	Flu Rapid onset
Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
New cough	Common (usually dry and continuous)	Sometimes	Common (usually dry)
Recent loss or change to sense of taste or smell	Common	Rare	No
Fatigue	Sometimes (common in children)	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare (sometimes for children)	No	Sometimes (for children)
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

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