

Update 5th October 2020

Good afternoon,

I hope you are all keeping well. Just a quick note to keep you up to date with the latest developments.

School Lunch

We will be delivering a hot choice school lunch to all children on 'school lunches' from today. I have explained the difficulties in recent updates but we are endeavouring to do the best we can under difficult circumstances. If you wish your child to change their lunch choice you will need to give one week's notice and email

j.hutton201@cestria.durham.sch.uk

Out of Hours Contact – Covid

If your child tests positive we need to know as soon as possible for track and trace purposes & the requirement to close a 'bubble'. If you find out outside school hours please email a member of the senior management team:

- l.golwand100@cestria.durham.sch.uk
- n.bentham100@cestria.durham.sch.uk
- k.reacher200@cestria.durham.sch.uk

Closing a 'Bubble'

If we have to close a 'bubble' your child will need to isolate in their own home – we will inform you of the return date. The rest of the family do not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms.

If we get the results from a pupil/contact during the school day it might be necessary to send children home. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date as you might need to collect your child at short notice.

Dojo is proving to be a really valuable teaching tool particularly for children who are isolating – we have had lots of positive feedback. Please ensure that you are familiar with Dojo as it is used regularly. If you are having any problems just contact school and let us know.

Gatherings at School Gates

I have attached a letter from Durham County Council which has been distributed to all Durham schools. Please ensure you maintain a 2 metre distance when dropping off & picking up your child. If you can not keep to 2 metres please take the extra precaution of wearing a face mask (something we are all quite used to now!). This is not something I can enforce but under the current situation I would ask all adults to comply for the added safety of our children and school community.

Thank you very much for all your continued support.

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our ref:



Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Gatherings at School Gates

As children and young people have been returning to schools over the past few weeks, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents, grandparents and carers to be mindful of the importance of social distance when dropping off and collecting their children from the school gates.

We know that many children have started school for this first time, and parents and children are gathering at the school gates. However, I would like to remind everyone on the school run that Covid19 is now circulating in the community and we all need to continue to work together to reduce the transmission of the virus.

I would urge parents to be mindful of the coronavirus guidance and work with us and the school to keep everyone safe by keeping more than 2 metres apart wherever possible from people outside your household, to prevent the spread of Covid19.

School leaders are working hard to make sure that children are safe in school and that the risk of the virus spreading is minimised. We all have a responsibility to keep our communities safe and we need the support of parents, grandparents and carers when they are at the school gates.

The most recent guidance is set out in the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/north-east-of-england-local-restrictions>

www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing

Please keep your distance, please do not gather in groups and remember:

- HANDS** Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
- FACE** Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- SPACE** Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors)

Together we can make a difference if we all play our part to keep each other safe. We appreciate your ongoing support which is helping to keep our schools open and your children in education.

Yours faithfully
Director of Public Health

