

NEWSLETTER 4th November 2020



Uffington
Church of England
Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

The Uffington Plan

In the light of the prime minister's announcement of a second lockdown on Saturday evening, staff and governors have once again reviewed key aspects of the Uffington Plan. Although confirmed cases locally remain relatively low, the data would suggest that the risk of infection is increasing. In order to reduce the risk of infection further, the following measures have been implemented:

- Additional cleaning of frequently touched surfaces during breaks;
- Increased opportunities for handwashing with an additional handwashing station set up for our largest class;
- Reorganisation of lunchtime staffing to reduce their contact with other bubbles;

In addition, staff working across different classes will wear protective visors when working in a bubble other than their own.

Unless there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in school, both school and Reach for the Stars will remain open throughout lockdown.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in school?

In the event of a confirmed case among children or staff, Public Health England will conduct a risk assessment and advise whether it is necessary for the bubble to self-isolate. In this case, remote learning will replace school-based learning. It is expected that all children will engage in home learning unless they are ill or if parents are ill and unable to support home learning.

Where a member of a household has a confirmed case, any children should self-isolate for fourteen days in accordance with government guidance and engage with home learning. There is no requirement for the school to inform parents where there is a confirmed case in a household as this would constitute a breach of confidentiality. We will only inform you if the confirmed case is a pupil in school.

Please advise us if your child needs to self-isolate so that teachers can arrange home learning.

Drop Off and Collection

As we prepare for lockdown, I would once again ask that you observe strict social distancing when dropping off and collecting children. We understand that you may be anxious about dropping off

and collecting young children but for the safety of the whole school community, please 'Drop / Collect and Go'.

PLEASE DO NOT STAND WITHIN 2 METRES OF THE HAND GATE AT ANY TIME. THE CLASS TEACHER WILL BRING THE CLASS TO THE GATE AND THEN CALL YOU FORWARD TO COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE DAY.

WE WOULD STRONGLY ADVISE THAT YOU WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN FROM THE GATE / REACH FOR THE STARS.

Free School Meals

We understand that many families may be facing a change in circumstances in these difficult times. Please remember that if you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be eligible for free school meals. In addition to a free lunch every day, the school also receives a grant to support the child's education (£1,320 a year).

Applications are made on line via <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

If your application is successful, the local authority will inform us so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Please be assured that all cases will be handled in the strictest confidence.

Poppy Appeal

We have not been allocated a collection box this year. Instead, each child will make a poppy in school which they can wear on their uniform.

If you would like to make a donation for the Poppy Appeal, please send this in to school on Monday 9th November along with any **painted pebbles** which will be put on display in the school garden and churchyard.

PTA Smartie Challenge

Please return filled Smartie tubes to school by this Friday 6th November.

Shoes!

In order to save our carpets from muddy trainers, please remember to send a spare pair of shoes on PE days.

Merits This Friday

Everyone is invited to join us for our weekly Merit Assembly at 1:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74632969769?pwd=T0pkbGE2Z01sS2xHbmZac3FsWEM5UT09>

Meeting ID: 746 3296 9769

Passcode: *Merits*

Please remember to mute your microphone!

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Finally, I would like to thank you all for your co-operation and support in keeping the school community safe during this difficult period.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs HR Simms', is written above a long, horizontal, slightly curved line that serves as a decorative underline.

Mrs HR Simms
Headteacher