

Cherry Lane Newsletter



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It was wonderful to see all our children and families return to school last week. They have settled back in so well and are adapting again to the measures we have put in place to keep us all safe. We are looking forward to enjoying learning face to face together again and have some exciting events planned already for this term eg. Red Nose Day and Science Week.

Thank you to all the families who are following the safety measures we have put in place for dropping off and picking up children. These include adults wearing face masks while on site, using the two entrance only gates and the two exit only gates and keeping your distance from other families when moving around site and waiting outside classes.

The majority of staff are now taking an asymptomatic COVID19 rapid lateral flow test at home twice a week. The government have recently announced that these tests will be made available for adults in households who have school age children. Please see the section about this later in the newsletter.

Once again a huge thank you to our children for settling back in so quickly. It is lovely to see so many smiling faces around school.

Miss Tranter

Asymptomatic testing for household members of primary age pupils.

Asymptomatic testing will help to break the chains of transmission of coronavirus in education and childcare settings by identifying asymptomatic positive cases. This is important as up to 1 in 3 people who have the virus have it without symptoms (they are asymptomatic) so could be spreading the disease unknowingly.

If you're a member of a household, childcare or support bubble of a primary or secondary-age pupil or college student, you can get a twice-weekly home testing kit:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- [at a local test site](#)
- [by collecting a home test kit from a test site](#)
- [by ordering a home test kit online](#)

For more information read the guidance on '[Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests](#)'.

Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time.

In addition to the sites already available through the links above, we have also been informed that the local authority have opened another new site in Sipson which is the 7th Hillingdon Covid-19 Asymptomatic Testing Site.

Here is the link for the new site that opened last week if you want to attend a site very close to West Drayton.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/AsymptomaticTestBookingsSipson@Hillingdon.gov.uk/bookings/>

Home testing kits can also be collected from Topping Lane PCR test site near Brunel University. Kits will also be available for collection shortly from the borough's seven asymptomatic testing sites. Find out more at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/community-testing.

Results for all asymptomatic lateral flow tests are returned in approximately 30 minutes.

The asymptomatic testing programme does not replace the current testing policy for those individuals with symptoms.



Covid-19 Test Results

If your child/children or a family member have been advised to get a COVID-19 test and self-isolate as a result of showing signs of COVID the results must be provided to the school via email on covidresult@cherrylane.hillingdon.sch.uk before your child/children can return to school.

Self-Isolation and Remote Learning

If your child is having to self-isolate in relation to COVID19, and they are physically well, they will be set remote learning. This will be communicated via Purple Mash as usual. If during this isolation period you require further support or information please contact us using 2Email on Purple Mash or to learningadvice@cherrylane.hillingdon.gov.uk

Arrival and Collection Safety Measures

Please remember...

- There are **two Entrance Only gates and two Exit Only gates** on the premises. Please use the correct gates for entering and exiting the school site as this forms part of the safety measures we have put in place to try to keep everyone safe on the school grounds.
- Parents / Carers coming onto the school site **should wear a face mask** during drop off and pick up times, unless you are medically exempt from wearing one.
- **Only speak to staff** at drop off and pick up times **if it is absolutely necessary**. All other messages / queries should be made by email or phone and someone will get back to you. School staff will wear visors or face masks at their doors during drop off and pick up times.
- **Limit conversations with other parents** / carers and **leave the site as soon** as you have dropped off / picked up your children.
- **Use social distancing** whilst waiting at arrival and collection times and moving around site or if you must talk to a member of staff at the beginning or end of the day.
- **Arrive at the time given for drop off or pick up** and come straight on to site.
- **Stay on site, whilst still distancing** from others, once your first child has been dropped off or picked up.
- Your child/children **must stay with you** at all times whilst on site.
- **Do not enter the school buildings**, including the office unless it has been arranged with the school.
- **Only one adult per family group** can come onto site. Any other family members should wait outside the school site.

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation to keep our pupils, families and staff safe during these challenging times.



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



19th March – Red Nose Day
22nd March – 26th March - Science Week
26th March – Art Competition Deadline
29th March – Science Competition Deadline
21st June – 2nd July – Life Bus

PGL Revised dates

28th June 2021 – 2nd July 2021



**Please note there is NO SMOKING
allowed on the school site or in the
gateways**

**Please be careful when parking
outside the school. We have
received several complaints of
people's wing mirrors being
knocked and damaged.**





School Calendar

Spring Term – 2021

Term ends: Wednesday, 31st March @ 2pm

Summer Term – 2021

Summer 1 starts: Monday, 19th April

Half term: Monday, 31st May to Friday, 4th June

Summer 2 starts: Tuesday, 8th June

Term ends: Thursday, 22nd July @ 2pm

STAFF TRAINING DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

7th June & 23rd July 2021