



Dear Family,

Monday 1st March 2021

School Uniform

We are aware that many of the children will have grown out of their uniforms. We have a lot of donated uniform in school that you are welcome to collect on:

- Friday 5th March 4pm - 5pm, and
- Saturday 6th March 9.30 am – 10.30am

A donation to the PTFA would be gratefully received if you wish to do so.

In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, please:

- Keep a safe distance from others whilst on the school site. If you need to wait to approach a table or rail, please do so from a safe distance until the person ahead of you has vacated.
- Vacate the premises as quickly as you are able.
- Wear a mask.
- Come alone if you are able to. If you do have to bring children with you, they must remain with you at all times.
- Keep the gate, pathways and pavement clear

We will not be able to allow any trying on or handling of clothes. Please feel free to take what is needed and if it doesn't fit, return it to school in a carrier bag and we will isolate it for the appropriate time before it goes back into circulation.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Useful links

Autism Outreach have collated a number of resources which some children may find useful ahead of returning to school next week – [click here](#).

Safer Internet Day

Thank you to those who have already entered our Safer Internet Day competition by designing a poster. If you want to take part, the information you need is still available on the year group pages for the week beginning 8.2.21. The last day for entries is Friday 5th March – please email a photograph of your poster to info@st-james.dudley.sch.uk and write 'e-safety' in the subject box. We will be announcing the winners next week.

Wider symptoms

Ahead of reopening on the 8.3.21, please read the following information issued by Dudley Local Authority regarding COVID-19 wider symptoms:

As you are aware, individuals who have any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, new, continuous cough, loss or change of taste or sense of smell) must self-isolate (stay at home) immediately and book a Covid-19 test.

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However, there are also a number of other, wider symptoms (see table below), which may be linked to Covid-19 infection, although these symptoms are also common in a number of other illnesses.

Dudley Council’s Public Health team and the school are keen to make sure we are doing all we can to prevent any further cases and are therefore **recommending that all children and staff in education settings get a Covid-19 test as a precaution if they display any of these wider symptoms.** Details of how to book a test are included below.

Loss of Appetite	Sore Throat
Extreme Tiredness	Sneezing
Headaches	*Diarrhoea (must be clear of symptoms for 48hrs before returning to school)
Joint Pain or Muscle Ache	**Vomiting (must be clear of symptoms for 48hrs before returning to school)
Nausea	Runny Nose or Congestion

Please note that:

- If your child has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 90 days, they should not get tested for wider symptoms. However, they must self-isolate and seek a new test if they display any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms.
- If the test result is positive your child and your household must self-isolate for 10 days from their symptom onset date.
- If your child is currently self-isolating as a contact and the test result is negative, they must still continue their 10 day isolation period.
- If the test result is negative but your child then develops a high temperature, new, continuous cough or loss or change of taste or sense of smell they (and your household) must self-isolate and you must arrange another test for your child.

The Council’s Public Health Team believes that this approach will help reduce transmission in the school and help maintain your child’s education.

The national testing centres across the borough have good availability and tests can be booked through the [NHS website](#) or NHS Test & Trace App. When booking a test you will need to select “My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms”, if your child does not have one of the three main symptoms. For further information on how to book a test, please see the attached guidance.

Please remember that even if your child tests negative now, should they develop a high temperature, new, continuous cough or loss or change of taste or sense of smell the household must self-isolate and your child will need to be retested. If your child tests positive, they must isolate for 10 days and your household must also isolate for 10 days.

We hope you understand that this new measure is important to keep your family, the school and your local community safe.

Yours sincerely
Dudley Council’s Public Health Team

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How to book a test online

1. Visit this website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and choose 'Start now'
2. Select: "no, none of these symptoms"

Does the person who needs a test have coronavirus symptoms?

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

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

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Yes, at least one of these symptoms

No, none of these symptoms

Continue

3. Select: "no" the person is not an essential worker

Is the person who needs a test an essential worker?

Essential workers include NHS staff, teachers and transport staff. Check the [full list of essential workers on GOV.UK](#).

Yes

No

I don't know

Continue

4. Select: "no" you are not part of a trial

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Is the person who needs a test part of a trial or government pilot project?

For example, they live or work in Liverpool and are taking part in city-wide testing

- Yes
- No

Continue

5. Select "my local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms"

Why are you asking for a test?

- I've been told to get another coronavirus test
- I'm ordering for someone I live with who has coronavirus symptoms
- My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms
- I'm part of the National Tactical Response Group (NTRG), or someone I live with is
- None of the above

Continue

6. Complete the rest of the form with details.

If you order a home test kit make sure you post this into a priority post-box to return it. You can find where they are located at <https://www.royalmail.com/priority-postboxes>

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