

Millhouse News

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General Information

Contact with teachers

Due to our new drop off and pick up procedures, we appreciate it is difficult to speak to teachers when you have a question or concerns. We have asked the teachers to not stay on the playground at the end of the day as we need to get the next class out safely, therefore, if you would like to speak to your child's teacher or have a question, please use the following ways:

- Call the school office and either leave a message for them or ask for the teacher to call you back at a suitable time
- Call the school office and ask for an appointment to come and see the teacher after school (we can arrange this but only if notified in advance)
- Send an email to the year group address (a list is attached to this newsletter email) and the teacher will reply back to you.

School Photos

We have arranged for the photographer to take individual photos on Tuesday 29th September. This will be organised so that we can keep to our COVID secure protocols. If your child usually has PE or outdoor learning on a Tuesday, they should come to school in normal school uniform and the teachers will adapt the learning on that day. Unfortunately we will be unable to accommodate family groups this year. More information will be emailed to parents next week.

Picking up Early

Wherever possible, please avoid picking up your children early; this is disruptive to their learning. If it is urgent and you need to collect them early, please notify the school in the morning and if it is for an appointment (theirs or another person), please provide proof of this appointment via email to the school office.

Road Safety

Please make sure you spend time talking to your child about road safety. We have had a couple of incidents this week where some of our young people have not followed road safety advice and we do not want any serious harm to come to any of our children.

We ask that if you are driving your child to school that you drop them off safely. Please do not stop on the zig-zag lines or let them out on the zebra crossing. Not only is this very dangerous, it is also illegal.

We have been made aware that our school crossing patrol man, John, is not on duty for the whole time during our new drop off and collection times (not his fault, he is told what times by Essex Highways). We have notified Essex Highways of our times and would ask that parents email to contact them to ask for this to be changed. The email address is school.crossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk

COVID related information

This week has seen a number of parents ask us about symptoms and suspected cases and what they as parents and us as a school should do.

Symptoms, Isolation & Confirmed Cases

- If someone shows one of the 3 key symptoms (new persistent cough, temperature higher than 38 and sudden loss of taste or smell), they must stay at home and not attend school or work. They should try to get a test booked.
- Isolation guidelines: person with symptoms and/or a positive test must isolate for 10 days. The rest of the household must isolate for 14 days. (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>)
- We have been advised that appointments for tests get released at 10am for same day afternoon appointments and 8pm for next day appointments so these may be the best times to try and book one.
- If a test cannot be booked then the isolation guidelines above must be followed.
- If we are notified by a parent that their child is showing symptoms we will record this on our in-school track and trace record but the class will not be closed at this point (this is the government guidelines to schools).
- If we are informed of a positive case within our school, we will contact the relevant health authorities who will advise us what to do next. This may or may not mean a class will be closed depending on the type of contact the infected person has had with others (again, this is the government guidelines for schools).
- If we have not contacted you to say there has been a confirmed case, your child should be in school (unless they are showing symptoms).

Home Learning

- If your child is isolating due to another household member showing symptoms or you have been advised by NHS track and trace, then please let us know and we will arrange for their learning to continue at home.
- If they are isolating due to testing positive or showing symptoms themselves, we will not expect them to complete any home learning.
- If we have to close any classes or groups, we will arrange for home learning to take place for the period of 14 days isolation.

WELLBEING

Do you find it hard to talk to your child about mental health? Are you struggling with ways in which you can check on their emotional wellbeing?

Elemental Health is a company which provides training in mental health for people working with children and young people and their Instagram page often has lots of good ideas for support.

Recently they posted one with ideas for conversation starters that parents can use with their children. The post can be found on this link: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CFH8TVwjXqM/?igshid=1vhvr8y3o59zr>



These three boys in Class 19 decided to get creative with the maths this week and used the counters and resources to create NHS rainbows! They then used them to create different maths problems.

Two of our star values: creativity and respect!