



Higham Lane School
Helping Learners Succeed

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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING: 6th November 2020

WHOLE SCHOOL

Face Coverings from Monday, 9th November

You will be aware that I have written to you regarding the School's policy on students wearing face coverings from Monday, 9th November and I am looking forward to your full support with this.

Since our proposals were issued, the Government has amended its expectations in recognition of the worsening situation regarding Covid-19 nationally, making the wearing of face coverings in secondary schools compulsory as follows:

"In schools where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained".

I have set out the School's expectations on this in my earlier correspondence, including our procedure for any student who is to be considered an exemption, where we ask you to contact your child's Progress Leader.

If a student who does not have an exemption arrives at school without a face covering, fails to wear it based on our expectations or claims not to have one, we may have to consider whether they are safe to remain on site through this period of lockdown. As ever, it is required that students always wear face coverings on public transport.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your support with this.

P Kelly
Headteacher

When to keep your child off school

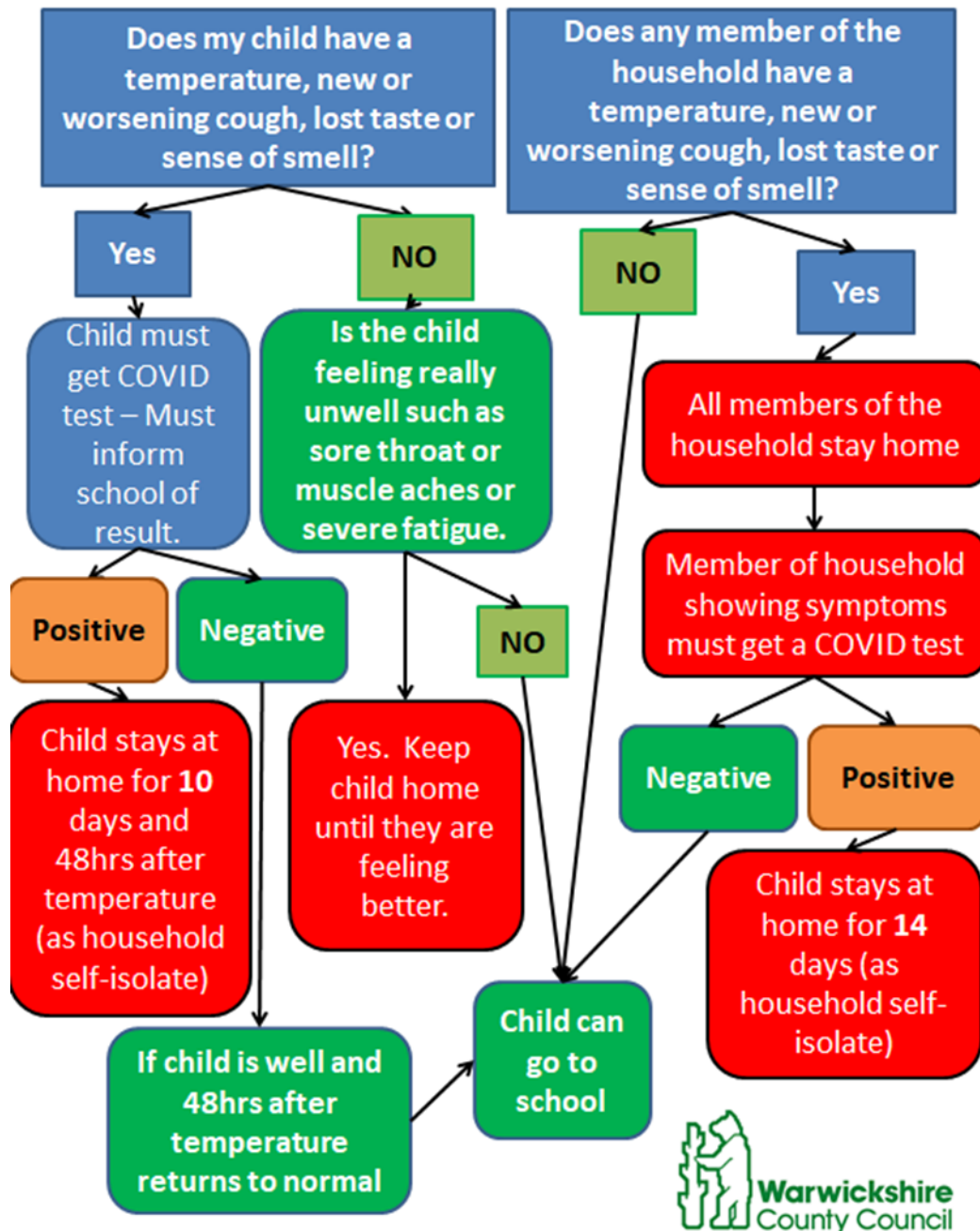
As you are aware, Public Health advice is to keep your child off school and self-isolating if they are showing any of the main three symptoms of Covid-19, namely: a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change in sense of smell or taste. In these circumstances, you should also book a Covid-19 test for your child as soon as possible.

Public Health Warwickshire have now advised us that parents/carers should also keep their children off school if they are unwell in any other way, until they are feeling better. For example, if they have a sore throat or muscle aches or severe fatigue.

Please see the flow chart below provided by Public Health Warwickshire.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your support. We are trying to do everything we can to keep the School open to all year groups and your support in following the aforementioned expectations is crucial to this.

COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART



Positive Covid-19 Test Email

Should your child test positive for Covid-19 outside of school hours could you please let the School know straight away via email to PositiveTest@highamlaneschool.co.uk. Thank you.

IMPORTANT: Parents/Carers Bringing Items into School

Can we please kindly remind all parents/carers **not** to bring items to School for students unless it is medication or food/water (where a student has forgotten their lunch/water and cannot purchase these from the canteen) or essential items such as glasses, as we are trying to reduce the number of people entering the School due to the Covid-19 situation. Parents should **not** bring pencil cases, lanyards, fobs, football boots, books etc. Thank you.

Information on the drug SPICE

It has been brought to our attention by Warwickshire Police that there have been several incidents in our community involving the drug SPICE. Please see below for images of the packets which the drug comes in:



Please see attached important further information about the drug.

A Message from Match Fit Kit Schoolwear

The Match Fit Kit Schoolwear, Weddington Road store is now closed until Government guidelines are lifted.

During the lockdown period parents will be able to order online at www.matchfitkit.com for non-contact delivery or click and collect at the shop door. If placing an online order for collection please put "collect" in the name tag box when going to check-out. Please send any enquires to sales@matchfitkit.com as this will be monitored Monday to Friday during this period.

We ask for your patience in these trying times and thank you in advance.

A Message from The Schoolwear Centre

Please be informed we will remain open for business online with a home delivery option only. Please order online at www.schoolwearsolutions.com. We will be operating with reduced staff during this second period of lockdown.

Please do not hesitate to contact customer service via email cust.service@schoolwearsolutions.com or via our telephone number 01162 990 910. Customer service will be available Monday to Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm (despite reduced numbers we hope to respond to queries within 24 to 48 hours).

In the meantime, our ongoing priority will be to continue taking the necessary steps to protect the health and wellbeing of all our customers and staff against the virus.

Stay safe!

Coventry & Warwickshire Careers Hub – Newsletter for Parents

Please see <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication>, Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending: 6th November 2020 for a newsletter from Coventry & Warwickshire Careers Hub about careers support and information. They are also looking for parent volunteers to share their career journey and/or advise students.

SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11

WorldSkills UK LIVE Online: Spotlight Talks on Careers, Apprenticeships and Excellence in partnership with BAE

On 26th-28th November WorldSkills UKI will be hosting three days of inspirational talks from some of the UK's biggest employers and influencers, in partnership with BAE Systems. Each day will feature 30-minute sessions covering a different theme:

Thursday: Explore the world of Engineering and Technology. Hear from some of the biggest employers in the sector – such as The Army and BAE Systems.

Friday: Check out some of the biggest names from the Health, Hospitality & Lifestyle and Digital, Business & Creative sectors, and find out how you can become a successful YouTuber from the legendary gamer and digital celebrity Grant Hinds.

Saturday: We explore Employability and the world of work. Hear from Great British Bake-off winner, primetime TV presenter and best-selling author Nadiya Hussain on her ingredients for a successful career.

Please see <https://www.worldskillsuk.org/directions/worldskills-uk-live-online/spotlight-talks-on-careers-apprenticeships-and-technical-education-in-partnership-with-bae-systems> for further details.

SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11 / YEAR 10

Aerospace Virtual Work Experience Opportunity

Airbus' 'Aerospace Virtual Work Experience' (for which applications have just gone live) is for year 10 - 13 students. It involves around 10 hours of activity that students can complete at a time that suits them - meaning they don't have to take time off school.

The free virtual work experience lasts for one week and would involve your students (virtually) meeting a variety of team members working in areas anywhere from space to civil aviation. They'll also learn about sustainability and manufacturing and they'll complete work and assignments to get an understanding of what life at Airbus is like.

Students will receive a certificate directly from Airbus themselves, which is something they can use in both their CVs and personal statements.

To get the full information and apply, use the link below

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/airbus-aerospace-work-experience/>

RAF Virtual Event

The RAF are running two virtual events, on the evening of Thursday 12th November and Thursday 19th November, about different roles and life in the RAF.

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YEAR 11

REMINDER! You are invited to the first-ever Higham Lane Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening!

Visit www.highamlanesixthform.co.uk from 5.00pm today, Friday 6th November 2020 to see how Higham Lane Sixth Form can play a part in your future.

Arrangements for Tempest Photographs

Year 11 will have their individual photographs taken on **Friday 27th November 2020**.

The Year 11 photographs will take place in the **Gym**.

IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER WOULD NORMALLY HAVE PE THAT DAY, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM. Students will have a non-practical PE lesson in a designated classroom.

More details regarding timings will be shared with students via SharePoint.

Etone Football Education Programme (BTEC Level 3)

Please see <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication>, Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending: 6th November 2020 for further details.

Trials and open day will take place before Christmas, please have your son or daughter register as soon as possible if they are interested, details are on the flyer.

YEAR 10

Arrangements for Tempest Photographs

Year 10 will have their individual photographs taken on **Friday 20th November 2020**.

The Year 10 photographs will take place in **Coombe Hall**.

IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER WOULD NORMALLY HAVE PE THAT DAY, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM. Students will have a non-practical PE lesson in a designated classroom.

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YEAR 9

Arrangements for Tempest Photographs

Year 9 will have their individual photographs taken on **Friday 20th November 2020**.

The Year 9 photographs will take place in the **Sports Hall**.

IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER WOULD NORMALLY HAVE PE THAT DAY, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM. Students will have a non-practical PE lesson in a designated classroom.

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YEAR 8

Arrangements for Tempest Photographs

Year 8 will have their individual photographs taken on **Friday 27th November 2020**.

The Year 8 photographs will take place in the **Sports Hall**.

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More details regarding timings will be shared with students via SharePoint.

Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

Friday 6th November	Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening launches
Friday 20th November	Year 9 and 10 – School photos
Thursday 26th November	Year 8 Progress Evening 1
Friday 27th November	Year 8 and 11 – School photos
Thursday 3rd December	Year 11 Progress Evening 1
Wednesday 16th December	Year 7 Flu Immunisations
21st December – 1st January	Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January	INSET day – no school
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th January	Year 9 Immunisations
Thursday 4th February	Year 8 Progress Evening 2 (non-core subjects)
Thursday 11th February	Year 8 Options Evening
15th – 19th February	February Half-term
Thursday 25th February	Year 9 Progress Evening
Thursday 4th March	Year 11 Progress Evening 2
Friday 5th March	Year 8 Options deadline
Monday 15th - Thursday 18th March	Year 8 Immunisations (HPV)
Thursday 18th March	Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 31st March	Year 13 Progress Evening 2
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday – no school
5th – 16th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April	INSET day – no school
Thursday 29th April	Year 7 Progress Evening
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday – no school
Thursday 20th May	Year 12 Progress Evening 2
31st May – 4th June	May Half-term
Wednesday 21st July	Summer Holidays Begin