



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the first full week back can I again thank you for keeping to the staggered start and finish times. Thank you also for ensuring your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on their PE days. As the children have returned to school many of them have picked up a cold, which is not uncommon at the start of term. Parents have been proactive and sensible in arranging a test if their child is displaying possible Covid symptoms – high temperature, new or continuous cough, loss or change of taste or smell. Since our return last week a number of children have had tests. I am pleased to inform you that none of these have been positive. If you do need to arrange a test for your child, please follow the guidance below to keep school informed.

Covid 19 Test Guidance

- Child or family member displays possible Covid symptoms – child must not attend school and a test should be arranged.
- School informed of when the test is taking place and if it's a home test or at a test centre. Please forward any email confirming test details to admin@heathfields.derbyshire.sch.uk
- Government guidance should be followed with all members of the household self-isolating until the test result is returned.
- When the test result is returned please forward the test result email confirmation to admin@heathfields.derbyshire.sch.uk
- Negative test result – children can return to school if they are well enough.
- Positive test result – Family members should self-isolate for 14 days. The family member testing positive must self-isolate for 10 days from the positive test result. After this time, if there are no further symptoms the child can return to school.

Absence during term time

I am required to remind parents about absence from school during term time.

Parents requesting to take their child out of school during term time must complete a leave of absence request form (available on the school website and from the school office) prior to any planned absence. The reasons for the planned absence must be clearly stated, explaining why the planned absence is due to 'exceptional circumstances.' The school can only authorise leave of absence during term time for reasons that are 'exceptional'.

Leave of absence during term time can only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances.' Please note that requests for a **holiday** during term time cannot be authorised by the school. Taking your child out of school for the purposes of a family holiday can lead to the issue of a fixed penalty fine regardless of the child's wider attendance.



INSET Dates

Planned INSET dates for the 2020-2021 academic year are:

2nd September 2020

4th January 2021

12th February 2021

1st April 2021

2nd July 2021

TikTok

We have become aware of a real and particularly nasty viral post going round on TikTok. Due to the nature of the post parents may want to carefully monitor or prevent their child using TikTok until the company has successfully removed the post. You may also want to discuss, with your child, what to do if you see nasty or inappropriate content and familiarise yourself with how to report content on social media sites.

