

HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

As we fast approach Easter I would like to wish you and your family have an enjoyable Easter break and hope that everything remains on course for restrictions to be further eased on the 12th April.

PE Uniform

I am writing to remind you that we have a PE uniform in school that we expect children to follow. Our PE uniform is as follows:

- 1. Plain white T-shirt
- 2. Plain dark shorts
- 3. A plain tracksuit for outdoor activities
- 4. Plimsolls for indoor work
- 5. Trainers for outdoor work
- 6. No football shirts or logos

A PE uniform is available for parents to purchase from Impress Promotions.

With the current lockdown and non-essential shops being closed we have taken a relaxed approach to PE uniform. However, we now have an eclectic mix of PE uniform being worn from football kits, crop tops and hoodies with inappropriate slogans. This is not in line with the school's policy and often not suitable for PE.

With non-essential shops opening again on the 12th April, during the Easter break, we ask that you please ensure your child's PE kit is in line with the PE uniform that we expect children to be wearing to school on their PE days. After the Easter break we expect all children's PE kit to be in line with the PE uniform outlined above. Would you also please ensure that a hair bobble is provided so that children with long hair can tie it back? If your child wears ear rings, then for safety reasons, we ask that they aren't worn on PE days or they are covered with tape during the PE lesson. Thank you.

Lateral Flow Tests

There seems to be some misunderstanding around the use of lateral flow tests and testing when a child displays possible Covid symptoms.











Lateral Flow Tests are designed to identify who might be asymptomatic, but carrying enough viral load to infect others. They are not 100% reliable. They are not a test to be used with primary aged children who display Covid symptoms. If a child displays Covid symptoms, then you must book a PCR test. The results of this test will indicate if a person is positive or negative.

If a child is unwell and needs a test, then the school will only accept the results of a PCR test. For the reasons outlined above and in line with the government guidance on testing, we cannot accept Lateral Flow Test results.

If your child, or anyone in your family is unwell and displaying Covid symptoms then you should book a PCR test and self-isolate until the result of the test is received.

If a child receives a positive test result between Wednesday 31st March and Sunday 4th April please email the result to <u>HFcovidalert@outlook.com</u> for the purpose of test and trace.

Term dates

This is just a reminder that we break up for Easter this Wednesday 31st March. Thursday is an INSET day and school will not be open to children on this day. We return from the Easter break on Monday 19th April.

Regards,

Mark Whyman









