

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The countdown is finally over and our children will be back in school on Monday which we are delighted about. We are still working in class bubbles and the start times and end times of schools will remain the same as it was in September. During our first week back, we will be re-establishing routines, focusing on the mental well-being of our children as we know that some may be feeling nervous about returning to school after a long time of being away.

WINDOW WINTERLAND

As a part of our welcome back to school, we are taking part in the Coventry City of Culture's Window Wonderland initiative. Once our windows are ready, we hope to allow visitors to walk around the front of our school so that you can see our window creations!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children will be expected to wear school uniform to school each day, apart from PE days. On PE days, it is really important that the children wear the correct footwear as well as the correct school colours. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

COMIC RELIEF - Red Nose Day is Back!

Friday 19th March and as a school we aim to use it to help bring us together to show just how powerful humour can be through the toughest of times, whilst making a difference and changing lives. We will be taking part in many activities throughout the week with hopes to raise money to help vulnerable people in the UK and around the world. We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 19th March and in exchange we ask you to donate a £1. It has never felt more important to raise smiles and money for those who are struggling more than ever, as the continued impact of Covid-19 brings unprecedented challenges to many.

E-SAFETY MESSAGE FROM MR REED

Technology is an amazing part of everyone's lives but we need to know how to use it safely. Understanding how to stay safe online is a matter we hold with great importance at Finham Primary School. The children all had activities related to Internet Safety Day 2021 to complete in February and we continue to revisit this information throughout the year.

We would like you to be aware of some key dangers and how to prevent them.

- **Make sure you have checked that the security settings are turned on.** This includes every device you have access to (computers, mobile devices, game consoles). The key ones are - they can't chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public?
- **Auto-Settings should be turned off.** If children have access to websites which contain video features then make sure the auto-play option is disabled. Many videos start off with a suitable video but it can be linked to less suitable content.
- **Make sure your children show you their apps, games and phones.** This will allow you to check whether they are playing games which are age appropriate or not. Age ratings are listed on games and in the app store. These age ratings are important as they are potentially not equipped to deal with the issues raised in the games. Reviews left online are another good way to check their suitability.
- **Children need to realise they have responsibilities while online.** When behind a screen some people forget to speak to each other with the same respect. A good way to work this out is, if a child would not be comfortable in sharing their activity or comments with their headteacher then they should not be sharing it.
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- **Technology should be used in a communal space.** When children watch videos online or play games it is a good idea for them to be in the same room as an adult. This way the content can be monitored without being invasive.
- **There are many free parental apps to help keep your children safe online.** If you search online for 'apps to keep children safe online' you will be able to choose the service which suits your needs. This is not something you must have but it is an option.
- **Make sure they know they can speak to you about any issues they face.** Children are instructed to talk to an adult if they are unsure what to do or if they are made to feel uncomfortable with anything they have seen online. By making them aware they can come to you with these issues it can increase the chance that they will approach you if they have a problem.

Have a lovely weekend together with your families and we look forward to welcoming you all back next week.

Mrs Bracken

LATERAL FLOW TESTS

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff#history>

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

The following people in England will have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing made available to them as schools reopen:

- secondary school pupils
- [primary and secondary school staff](#)
- households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils
- households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary staff

Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time. Find out about [childcare bubbles](#) and [support bubbles](#).

[Learn what rapid lateral flow testing is and why it's being used.](#)

Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

- [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)

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Collect test kits. You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Order home test kits online. If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

COVID SYMPTOMS

What are the symptoms of coronavirus?

One, or more, of the following:

- High temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss of change to smell or taste – meaning not being able to smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal.



**DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS?
HOW ARE YOU DOING?**

Get in touch with us if you would like an invite to our Virtual Coffee Morning using Microsoft Teams App (we can help you with this). Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS and Carers Trust Heart of England.

VIDEO LINK

COFFEE MORNING

**THURSDAY 11TH MARCH 2021
(10:00AM -11:30AM)**

To request an invite and for further information contact:
SEND Information Advice and Support Service
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk



Happy Birthday from Finham Primary

Parisha 3L

Joury NAM

Yusuf 1R

Michael 2B

Zachary 5F

Amar 1W