



### A message from Mrs Brown

Thank you all so much for your support with our changes to the drop off and collection system. We are all so pleased to see how the improvements are working to support us all and keep everyone safe.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Brown

### Drop off & Collection Information

Please note that from **Monday 21st September the sibling drop off will be at the earlier time at 8.55am at the Bright Futures gate.** Now that we have made improvements to how children enter the premises and are collected we have reviewed the times to attempt to have as much learning time as possible. Please remember that due to increased COVID cases in Tameside you are asked to wear a mask when dropping off and collecting children from school.

If you are able to collect at the different collection times, this will also help with social distancing being maintained and is a lot quicker than the sibling collection system.

### Friends of Buckton Vale – TRIM TRAIL AND KEYS TO HAPPIER LIVING JOURNALS

We are delighted to inform you that over the lockdown period the Trim trail was installed. This has been purchased by the Friends of Buckton Vale as a result of your amazing fundraising. It will soon be ready for the children to enjoy playing on it. We can't wait to open it for use.



### Our Journals have arrived – thank you to Friends of Buckton



Some time ago Friends of Buckton Vale wrote to you to ask what you would like the money collected spent on. We are pleased to announce that in response to your request for a focus upon Mental Health, 'Keys to happier Living Journals' have been purchased for all the children. Did you know that psychologist's believe that writing in a journal each day develops a positive mind-set? We will start working on our journals after half-term. At present, children are learning all about Positive Psychology techniques in our Personal, Health Education lessons.



Thank you to Friends of Buckton Vale for all your great efforts to support all our children. We are looking forward to sharing all our Positive Learning with you all.



As you will be aware, children do get sniffles and colds at this time of the year. Obviously, with the current climate it's slightly different on the way people think about this. What's advised is that if your child just has a sniffle then they come into school UNLESS they have any other of the COVID symptoms. We are not medical professionals and we cannot diagnose your child's symptoms. Here's some signs to look out for if you think your child has COVID.

The other symptoms are as follows:

- a new, continuous cough
- a high temperature
- Or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child has any of the above symptoms, they must remain at home and follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

The DfE state that people must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

**Children cannot come back into school until a test has been carried out.**

***So what are the rules if your child is sent home and how does it impact on the rest of the family?***

Understandably, if your child is the one who has **tested positive** then he or she **must** isolate for 14 days, along with the rest of the family, and alert us (school) of the positive test. That's when we will alert the parents of other children within their bubble.

As we are a 45 PAN (pupil admission numbers per year group) school and have mixed classes our bubbles are in mixed year groups and a positive test could affect the entire bubble.

- Reception/Year 1/2 Bubble A
- Year 3 and Year 4 Bubble B
- Year 5 and Year 6 Bubble C

## Local testing sites available

Do you have symptoms of Coronavirus?

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of or a change in your normal sense of smell or taste

Please stay at home for 10 days and only leave home to get tested. It's nothing to be nervous about and the friendly staff will help you through the process - It's simple, safe, confidential and will protect everyone.

As well as the regional testing sites there are also the following options in Tameside you can choose to book:

[www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119

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| Monday 7 September (1pm - 6pm)<br>Tuesday 8 September (1pm - 6pm)<br>Thursday 10 September (1pm - 6pm)                                      | Curzon Ashton, Richmond Street<br>Ashton-under-Lyne<br>OL7 9HG |
| Friday 18 September (10.30am - 3.30pm)<br>Saturday 19 September (10.30am - 3.30pm)<br>Sunday 20 September (10.30am - 3.30pm)                | Beeley Street Car Park<br>Hyde<br>SK14 1ND                     |
| Monday 28 September (1pm - 6pm)<br>Tuesday 29 September (1pm - 6pm)<br>Wednesday 30 September (1pm - 6pm)<br>Thursday 1 October (1pm - 6pm) | Curzon Ashton, Richmond Street<br>Ashton-under-Lyne<br>OL7 9HG |

[www.tameside.gov.uk/itworks](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/itworks)

If your child's bubble is affected then he or she needs to self-isolate at home for 14 days. This means not leaving the house, except to go in the garden, and not meeting up with anyone from another household. No other members of the household have to isolate unless your child then gets symptoms them self. That means that any siblings can still attend school.

| What to do if...   | Action needed  | Back to school...   |
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|  <p><b>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>  | <p><b>...when child's test comes back negative</b></p>  |
|  <p><b>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul> | <p><b>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</b></p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p> |
|  <p><b>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>   | <p><b>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</b></p>   |
|  <p><b>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>  | <p><b>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</b></p>  |

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

| What to do if...  | Action needed  | Back to school...  |
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|  <p><b>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</li> </ul>  | <p><b>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>                 |
|  <p><b>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul> | <p><b>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p> |
|  <p><b>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</b></p>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team</li> <li>Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>  | <p><b>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</b></p>    |
|  <p><b>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>   | <p><b>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</b></p>  |

**For further information:**  
[gmhscp.contacttracing@nhs.net](mailto:gmhscp.contacttracing@nhs.net)  
[gov.uk/backtoschool](http://gov.uk/backtoschool)

## Do we have your up to date contact information?

Have you changed your contact details since the start of lockdown? (March 2020) Please email the office at [together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk) with any new information regarding telephone numbers and addresses. We have had a quite a few issues with contacting some parents and this poses a health and safety risk. Please also ensure all your child's medical notes and allergies are up to date on the school grid/Dolce school meals system.

## Swimming Year 5 Only

Please see attached link for the information regarding the new swimming lesson which will start on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

[www.bucktonvale.org.uk/Docs/text/Parents-letter-PC-Copley.pdf](http://www.bucktonvale.org.uk/Docs/text/Parents-letter-PC-Copley.pdf)

If you have any questions or queries, please email us using the [admin@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk)

## Reminder about Jewellery in school

We still have a number of children who are attending school wearing earrings and other types of jewellery. We understand that we only have five weeks summer holiday so our first week back is usually offered as a compromise to ensure the full six weeks has lapsed.

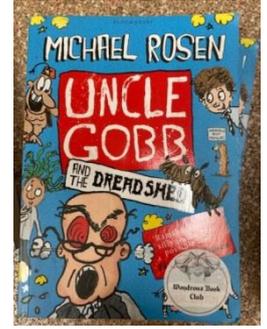
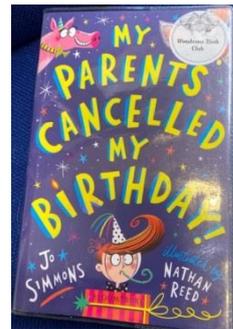
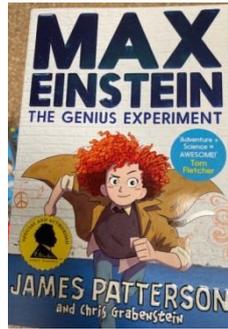
For safety reasons, and with Governor Board agreement, ear-rings are not allowed to be worn in school at any time, please see our school website for the full policy. Any child who arrives on Monday with earrings will be asked to remove them immediately. These will then be placed with the class teacher until the child is collected at the end of the day.

## Urgent Appeal - Partnership Books Return

Dear Year 6

We are still outstanding some of the partnership Wonderous Books. Can we please ask all year 6 children to re-check to see if they have any of the following books? We have missed the deadline for return, so please have another look over the weekend and return any Monday morning.

Thank you for cooperation.



## Sadness, Loss & Grief Recovery

Have you dealt with sadness over the COVID19 pandemic? Is your child struggling with a loss situation? Please contact the school office if your family have experienced bereavement, divorce, pet loss or any other loss during this difficult time. Many staff are qualified to offer support to your child during this difficult time having completed the 'helping children with loss' course a few years ago. Please let us know by telephoning the office if you believe your child would benefit from this support.

## APPEAL FOR NO PARKING ON ZIG ZAG OR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

We have had several complaints from parents and residents regarding the parking around school. If using the Moorgate Road side, please be aware of the yellow zigzags outside the gates and the double yellow lines these are no parking zones. If using the Bright Futures gate, please do not use their car park as they need this for their parents.

We have asked deliveries to avoid certain times of the day to try and keep people safe at this side of the building. Please also take note of the new sibling drop off time as Monday from 21<sup>st</sup> September (see above).