

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Happy Thursday to all, and a sunny, springy end to a long, long term.

When this term began, children (and staff) were raring to go back to school in the frosty dark of January, and since then we have had a third lockdown, bubbles, home learning, the return to school and all manner of challenges – but we kept smiling. We have been inundated with thanks and support from you all and I want to express my gratitude for this. Staff have told me of how warmly you have thanked them, at parents' evenings, in emails and on the gate and every kind word matters at this time.

Therefore, please accept our thanks for your flexibility, goodwill and resilience. You are a great bunch of parents and we are lucky to have you. Your kids are pretty special too. The staff have been absolutely tremendous - incredibly dedicated - and the smooth return to school and happiness of our pupils is testament to their dedication and commitment. Well done guys.

Fri 2nd April – Friday 16th April Easter holidays

<u>Mon 19th April</u>	INSET day
<u>Tues 20th April</u>	Start of the Summer Term PE lessons for Yellow and Blue Classes Woodwind and drum lessons are on today.
<u>Wed 21st April</u>	PE lessons for Red and Orange Classes
<u>Thurs 22nd April</u>	PE lessons for Red and Green Classes Violin and piano lessons resume today
<u>Fri 23rd April</u>	PE lessons for Yellow and Green Classes
<u>Hot meals</u>	On-line ordering for Black Pepper meals next half term is opening on 6 th April.
<u>Times</u>	A reminder of the current drop off and collection times for each class can be found on the website. https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/copy-of-calendar Parents with children in two or more classes are able to drop off at the earliest time and collect at the latest time. (You probably may need to reword this – Elly has been getting frustrated this week with late arrivals)
<u>Coronavirus Testing</u>	The same arrangements as the Christmas Break apply: We hope this is not necessary, but if, heaven forbid, your

child tests positive for Coronavirus and the symptoms began within 48 hours of them being in school (before midnight on Saturday 3rd) please notify the school of the positive test using our coronavirus reporting email address: covid@wyche.worcs.sch.uk. Please do not use this email address for general correspondence. If the symptoms began after midnight on Saturday we don't need to be notified but we do wish you good health and recovery.

Rapid Testing

Taking a regular rapid testing is now even easier using a home testing kit for Covid-19. Rapid home tests (Lateral Flow or LFD tests) are a convenient alternative to workplace testing or visiting a community test site and are designed to deliver speedy results in under 30 minutes. Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 do not have symptoms. Early detection of cases means those who test positive can self-isolate immediately and, in doing so, break the chain of transmission. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff and adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders, should take a test twice a week.

The twice-weekly rapid flow testing can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site - www.worcestershire.gov.uk/communitytesting
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site – check this online map <https://worcestershire.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>
- by ordering a home test kit online

Parents, carers or household members should not request test kits from schools.

More information on the tests and where they can be obtained from can be found in the attached NHS leaflet.

Don't forget help and services are available, [Worcestershire's Here2Help](#) line for Covid-related pressures and the Wyche website's [mental health and wellbeing](#) page.

Rest now, where and when you can. Enjoy the spring sunshine and the fresh air. We all need to reboot for Summer Term because it is going to be as fantastic as we can possibly make it.

A Happy Easter to you, and my very best wishes,

Stephen Murphy,
Headteacher

