

Weekly News Update Friday 25 September 2020

We have been asked to share a letter from Public Health England with our parents and carers which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are. The intention of the letter is to help prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing.

Letter for parents about COVID-19 symptoms

[NHS Test and Trace letter](#)



The graphic is a blue rectangular box with white and yellow text. On the left, there are three stylized human figures in white, representing a family. The text is organized into two columns. The left column lists symptoms that could be a sign of coronavirus, while the right column lists symptoms that are not normally associated with coronavirus. At the bottom of the left column is a yellow button with the text 'Book a test'. At the bottom of the right column is the text 'Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP'.

If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

Open Evening reminder

Owing to the current restrictions on external visitors coming into school we will be holding our Open Evening virtually this Year . Our Open Evening event will take place from 5pm on Thursday 1 October.

As we are having a virtual Open Evening it will **not** be necessary to close early on 1 October or have a late start on Friday 2 October, therefore we will stick to our current staggered timetable.

Brighton and Hove Buses

Please see the following from Brighton and Hove Bus Company

- Exact fare only – when paying by cash for a ticket on board. We don't provide change, a change voucher will be given instead. We encourage children to consider alternative ways to pay such as the key smartcard or the app.
- Please wear a face covering – For those aged 11 years and older, face coverings must be worn unless there is a genuine exemption.
- Social distancing – Children should sit in their school bubbles as defined by their school in conjunction with the Department for Education. On regular bus services, children should follow the guidelines for travelling on public transport.

Meet the Tutor Reminder – (virtually) book slots through the parents booking system.

Year 7 and 8 – 28th September
Year 9 and 10 – 29th September

This is an opportunity to meet your son/daughter's tutor (virtually via video) and discuss the way they have settled back into school, discuss any concerns and set some targets for the year. The individual subject meetings take place starting in November (19th) with Year 10 and then on January 28, 2021 with Year 9. Currently these too are scheduled to take place using the new virtual system.

Message from our Medical Officer

Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles, chickenpox or shingles.

The health of some of our students could be adversely affected if they were to come into contact with these viruses and disease; we do hope you are able to support us by emailing medical@dorothy-stringer.co.uk should you need to update us. Thank you.

Message for Year 10s

Reminder if any of our Year 10s think they may have made a mistake in their option choices, they must see Mrs Cumming by the end of the month. After the end of September, no changes to options will be possible.

Save the Date: we are holding a virtual **Help Your Child Prepare for GCSE** for our Year 10 Parents and Carers on **Wednesday 7 October 2020 at 5pm**. More details for follow.

Word of the week

Fabricate (v) = if someone fabricates information, they invent it in order to deceive people